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govt" that should follow from the liberation of the North, the writer assumes that there is no implication of a modification of the structure of a cabinet which expressed the democratic forces of the country. The United Nations are pledged to give Italy a free opportunity to create her own form of govt through the constituent Assembly. On this understanding the parties have put aside their differences; the United Nations will hardly be inclined to revoke this commitment. Churchill's own aversion to coercion is a guarantee of assurance in this matter.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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3. How is it that the Allies take so little interest in the reorganization of the I.N.A. which is still managed by conspicuous fascist.
4. The increase of the cost of electric light is extremely unpopular; why not finally ration the light?

5. P. B. comments on the gravity of Italy's financial situation as revealed in Soleri's report. Recommends indirect taxes, some form of tapping and draining wealth not subject to devaluation and suspension of payments on "titoli di Stato."

6. Croce is reported as pointing out, in a conversation with a group of young men, the fascist error of setting youth apart from the rest of the nation. Youth has its duties and its contribution but it is a part of the nation, not a separate corporation.

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2. Problem of Naples - IV - The social transformation, A great social and economic transformation is taking place in the South because of the numerous opportunities for making money. Neapolitans are amazingly adaptable, so that plebeian mentality is now turning "petit bourgeois"; this will perhaps unexpectedly influence the elections.

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3. What about the allowance for the high cost of living? Many promises have been made, but no decision has been taken. People are not fed with promises.

4. Disapproval of the measure by which all the temporary employees of the State are now being given notice. This measure is not going to solve the financial problem of Italy. The Government might have considered the situation of all these people now without work.

5. Complaints about the electric light.

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5. Letter on inefficient and summary treatment of invalids at the health office at Piazza Vittorio 110 followed by comment of R.L. that the personnel and the doctors are so poorly paid as to make their attitude understandable if not to be condoned.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Burdens and rights. On the prospect of entering the war

with Ugoan Giolli expresses the following opinion: it has been said that this war will be carried on in distant seas and for motives difficult for our masses to comprehend, that it is not universal - like the war against the Nazis - but is a war of the coalition of Western Democracies for special ends. It is to the interest of Italy to maintain her solidarity with these democracies but the accord should be bi-lateral, for an expedition to the Pacific co-belligerency and the armistice are in debate. Such a step calls for a full alliance, a community of intention and interests. The banner of the Italian Navy cannot follow the great enterprise of the English speaking peoples in a position of inferiority, if not captivity; we must return to juridical and moral parity and become allies.

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2. Responsibilities for past events must be clearly defined. Heavy charges are brought against the Commander of the Corpo d'Armata Motocorazzato.

3. Why are we to pay the same subscription fees for the telephone if we are only allowed a very limited number of calls?

4. When will the Rieta region be epurated?

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5. There must not be a 'Nuovo Messaggero'.

6. The bread-chippers have resumed their work. No comments.

ITALIA: NUOVA (Democrat)

1. E. Salvaggi gives a favourable account of Viola's speech to the veterans. He asks that the patriots should be called 'volunteers'. They made the right choice, they have fought and are still fighting for their country, leaving ideology aside; therefore, they have the same right as all the other combatants.

2. It is necessary that the currency of occupation should be controlled and currency balanced. We have no illusions about the revaluation of the lira, says Vincenzo Lucci, nevertheless, we do not want its already alarming depreciation to increase. The writer suggests that Italy might be credited with an equivalent in foreign currency with which it might buy on the markets of the United Nations such products as cannot be supplied by the UNRRA.

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1. In a article about the Dumbarton Oaks conference, Basilio Gialdesvonders what influence the minor Powers will have on the decisions. Will they have to submit to the decisions of the four Great Powers?

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Valio Spino writes that all the attentats which are now being made against the Communist Party are really directed against Italian Democracy; fascists and reactionaries are clamouring for a strong Government. The democratic Government must be strong.
2. There mustn't be a Nuovo Messaggero, because it would be an exact replica of the old one.
3. The Penal Code must be reprinted.

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2. Problem of radio. Article of some length, describing history of radio under fascism and its connection with SIP, making it part of a nationwide hydro-electric cartel with multifarious ramifications. AVANTI suggests that Rusca, named Commissario of some of these interests, including ELIR, is not quite the man for the job. Makes two suggestions: that a commission be set up of

three members, chosen from various parties, to consider some provisional solution for the radio, which should be freed from the type of control it suffered under Fascism, and that its administration should be moved back to the Sottosegretario della Stampa and away from Comunizzazione. How it ever got to the Communization is one of the mysteries of the Badoglio govt.

3. Article on the situation in the fuse factory of the R. Esposito. Part of the plant requisitioned but two thirds still available. Many old and experienced workers out of jobs. Why not re-activate it? Or is it a plot to let the plant lie dormant until some profiteer can buy it up cheaply and use it to exploit the workers?

4. Grave situation in Littoria Province. The peasants are forbidden to grind their corn (maize). Further malaria is on the increase. And lastly little has been done to improve the electricity service though in some cases only minor repairs would be necessary.

5. Civilian movement order published.

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1. Enzo Salvaggi writes on the diplomatic service. In his opinion stress should be laid on technical qualifications and missions abroad should not be political prizes. That was one of the mistakes of Fascism; it would be a great mistake to carry on the tradition.

2. Problem of Naples. v. conclusion in grey. Cossiga takes up two matters in this last article. The growing isolation of Rome and Naples is an alarming matter, he feels. More regional autonomy is desired by all but it may well go too far. And finally he returns to the question of prostitution. He cites one figure: 4000 minor girls (many between 10 and 12) under treatment in Naples hospitals. Making all allowances for conditions - which he has described in previous articles - this is terrifying. And he places the blame on the Neapolitan authorities. Vigorous and courageous action with appeal for help of the Allies would do much and the authorities have been far too indifferent.

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2. The situation in Sicily: Separation is backed up by great landowners and fascists who fear the new social order will mean serious loss to them. It is necessary to create a political class for the leading class does not correspond to the needs of the people. Measures must be taken against delinquency and smuggling.

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3. TEMPO does not agree with A. Macchia's program of regional decentralization. There are still strong regional currents in Italy; either Italy will be remade in the same mould and be one, or it won't exist at all.

4. It is all very well to give precedence to political cases, (as the courts have indicated) but this might be taken as an encouragement by common offenders who are numerous enough as it is.

5. Complaints against the UML.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Comment by Spino on the Grandi campaign. He finds it has been a success and this is due to the civic sense of the Italian peasant. Spino notes that collections have been good in the regions where democracy is strong; weak where reaction is still powerful. Sicily exemplifies this; the selfishness of the latifundist has corrupted even some of the peasantry and some 10,000 arrests were necessary. This relationship between political faith and economic wisdom may be a source of some useful lessons... In general one may feel optimistic about the campaign; the peasants have shown a sense of national solidarity; the peasants and the workers will remake Italy.

2. Violent attack by Di Vittorio on the selfishness of the big land-owners. In the South they have refused to make any concession in spite of the intervention of the Minister. The democratic govt will now have to decide whether to remedy the situation by legal measures or to leave the adjustment to the "exasperated masses".

3. Union meeting in Sicily of labor representatives from all over the island procures solidarity with govt.

4. Report of Quasura that 552 fascists have been arrested since 4 of June does not impress UNITA', which feels that many more must be at large and anyway only 6 have been worthy of being considered for the High Court.

GENERAL

Fall of Warsaw is noted in all papers and there are a number of articles, some dealing with Polish-Russian relations... Cranborne's speech in the house noted by all... Various comments on electricity as usual; some complaint that the circulare interna has been suppressed.

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5 October 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Panorama of reconstruction. G. Scarpitti writes that the principal source of Italian wealth is agriculture, which absorbs 90 % of the labor of the country. This is where we should look for the future welfare of the country; the first step in our reconstruction should be to make our agricultural production adequate to interdependent world needs, disregarding any artificial theories of autarky.

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3. Notes that the American Govt, somewhat unofficially, has repudiated Sicilian separatists. This is not surprising but is a good thing to note. And now why go on with the system of High Commissioner? Both for Sicily and Sardinia this is a mistake. The Boroni Govt should do away with it now that America has informed us that Sicily is Italian.
 4. Reg. Army units have again used violence to break up political meeting. This time in Grosseto. Six parties sign protest.
- ATTENNOON papers in general carry some reference to Prince's speech praising patriots. There are other allusions to American repudiation of Separation. Explanation of the Carta Annunaria and publication of the civilian movement order in most papers.
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2. The colonial problem of Italy must be solved according to a plan of international agreements in which the just claims of all nations will be taken in consideration.

3. Problem of the Radio: It seems logical that the radio should be controlled by the State. Why not entrust its management to several Commissioners chosen among the different parties?

4. The families of the prisoners of war get an allotment. Why should the families of the soldiers who have been interned in Germany suddenly be deprived of every help?

5. Italia Libera approves the closing of the Circolo della Goccia.

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3. Eden should draw a distinction between the Fascist Empire and the old colonies to which Italy has a right.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Guido Cassinelli makes some technical suggestions to the govt. The most noteworthy: Creation of Ministry of Welfare, Ministry of Food (which might include Cooperatives and Transport), better coordination of emergency measures (for example the proposed increase in rents might have been acceptable if accompanied by salary adjustments), and finally streamlining of the bureaucracy.
2. A UNMS release on electricity ends by saying that no real improvement can be expected until the middle of next year. "Good night and the last one up turns out the light", says TEMPO, in ultimate resignation.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Violent article of Velio Spano against some newspapers that are trying to save themselves by changing their name, and nothing but their name.
2. The reactionary party tries to shelter many people who have been guilty of fascist offences.

GENERAL

1. Roosevelt's announcement. Commentary brief.
2. Complaints about the telephone and the light.

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ART-PRISON PAPERS

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3. Enthusiastic praise for Roosevelt's promised aid to Italy (this missed afternoon papers dated Oct 5). Italy is grateful says V.R.

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MORNING PAPERSAVANTI (Socialist)

1. Bread and Work. Nenni asks for special measures to turn over the large holdings of the great landowners, now unused, to the peasants and to increase the percentage given to share croppers. In the first matter a beginning could be made by turning over the lands of well known fascists whose property is to be confiscated. The essential thing is not to waste this wealth and to see that all the land of Italy is made productive. He then speaks of Eden's reference to the Colonies and says that the Socialists have always been opposed to imperialism and they therefore can see the colonies go without any bitterness. However the Socialists have always felt that colonies should be in control of an international body with free access to raw materials open to all. We shall have to await further elucidation from Eden, he says, before knowing just how much in keeping his statement is with the principles of the Atlantic Charter.

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2. Celebration of some minor concessions wrung from the telephone co. by the "litis-consorzio", (group of consumers united for legal action; see AVANTI, supra.)

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Italian colonies existed a long time before Fascism; on what principle should they be taken? If Italy is still considered as an enemy, why is America going to help it? Italian children are dying of starvation, yet Italy is asked to fight Japan. The Italian people have a right to ask their Government 'a quoi bon?' For the Government representing the people must see to it that it is not humiliated while achieving a great effort.

2. Interview with Lt. Col. Hartman, Agriculture sub Com. A.C.C.: in spite of many difficulties, a gratifying result has been achieved, chiefly because of the creation of commercial and provincial Committees, formed by the local elements which knew their job. These Committees must have nothing to do with politics. The present mezzadria organization is the result of the experience of several centuries; it is obvious that no changes must be made now. The same thing may be said about the 'occupation' of uncultured land, which would mean a complete change in the conception of property.

3. Measures in favour of the employees of the State who had been sacked by the Fascists. They will get their pay from the end they lost their post and whenever possible, they will get their job back.

4. The teachers of the private schools are shockingly underpaid (300-1000 lire monthly). Their salaries have not been risen since 1938.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Analysis of what is wrong with Gramsci written by Luigi Corrao. His theory is that the Communist committees are not on their job and recommends that the local C.L.N. groups give more attention to this matter.

2. Unnecessary wars. Answering "la Patrie" (which apparently made some defense of the Moroccans) P. says that everyone recognized these troops are good fighters and every one knows that punishment has been dealt out for some flagrant offenses. But unfairly there are many acts of violence never punished and while Italy is resigned to suffering, purely unnecessary addition to her woes must not be accepted.

3. On Bonomi's interview with British Ambassador IL P. lists the number of questions touching the colonies that Italians are asking: to whom do they go? Is there an international arrangement in view? How can Italy be expected to fight a war against Japan when she receives this rebuff from her co-belligerents? etc.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Which is the Allied policy regarding Italy, asks L. Ambrogi?

Committee reported by the local elements of the Committee must have nothing to do with politics. The present mezzadria organization is the result of the experience of several centuries; it is obvious that no changes must be made now. The same thing may be said about the 'occupation' of uncultured land, which would mean a complete change in the conception of property.

3. Measures in favour of the employees of the State who had been sacked by the Fascists. They will get their pay from the State they lost their post and whenever possible, they will get their job back.

4. The teachers of the private schools are shockingly underpaid (300-1000 lire monthly). Their salaries have not been risen since 1935.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Analysis of what is wrong with Gramsci written by Luigi Corazzini. His theory is that the Communist committees are not on their job and recommends that the local C.L.S. groups give more attention to this matter.

2. Unnecessary war. Answering "Le Patrie" (which apparently made some defense of the Moroccans) 2. says that everyone recognizes these troops are good fighters and every one knows that gunshipment has been dealt out for some flagrant offenses. But undoubtedly there are many acts of violence never punished and while Italy is resigned to suffering, purely unnecessary addition to her woes must not be accepted.

3. On Bonomi's interview with British Ambassador IL R. lists the number of questions touching the colonies that Italians are asking. to whom do they go? is there an international arrangement in view? How can Italy be expected to fight a war against Japan when she receives this rebuff from her co-belligerents? etc.

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1. Which is the Allies policy regarding Italy, asks L. Barbato? They follow a double policy. Italy is defeated, but co-belligerent. The responsibility of a nation cannot be dissociated from that of its Government, said Churchill; yet it cannot be denied that the Italians are doing all they can to help the United Nations. Italians are told that their colonies are lost and that they must fight Japan. This cannot last.

2. The State considered as an efficient administrative organ does not exist any more, says Enzo Storani. No one respects the law, and the Government realizing this state of chaos ought to make

transport easier, to limit fixed prices to the few goods which can be rigidly controlled, or else we shall all die of starvation.

3. Serious complaints about the lack of efficiency of the Ammonia TEMPO (Independent)

1. Italian colonies - European equilibrium. Sicili writes on this text, giving history of the colonies and arguing their necessity to Europe. He views Eden more in sorrow than in anger; how could he have used the word "irrevocably", which has no meaning in politics? And Eden and England are held in such high esteem in the new Italy. "Tutte est oltre quei laudee."

2. Another complaint on high prices charged for night's lodging. This is a result of catering to Allied soldiers - and indeed even soliciting their custom - and not thinking of the needs of the Romans. It has reached such a point as to require definite legislation and action.

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5. The working classes are unemployed or insufficiently paid; let them fight through the strengthening of syndical unity and the democratization of syndical organs.

6. Why have 400 g.l. of fish been left to rot in the Quantiere Tricinfale, when the population is starving?

GENERAL : Bonomi's interview with British Ambassador... Provisions in preparation for state employees discharged for not being North.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholics)

1. Attack on article in "Il Partigiano" which argued necessity of keeping church out of schools.

2. Dollars, marks and lire. Observed that the MG exchange in Germany is to be more favorable to the mark than the Italian rate is to the lira. This is a "bitter" piece of news, especially when it is remembered that the French have also been given a better rate and all the smaller countries as well... Some further remarks on the results of Allied policy in this matter; the depreciation of currency restricts work of charitable and religious organization; the free spending of soldiery (especially the well paid Americans) means that consumers goods are unavailable to the population, etc.

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2. Reproof to La Patrie on lines of article in OSS-REVATORE (supra).

3. Prominence given Antonini's statement that Italy's case is grave and aid in prospect is totally insufficient.

4. Technical suggestions on improving quality of bread.

5. Further coverage of school meeting.

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VOCZ REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. On the free choice of political regime. A letter, signed S.d.P., who proclaims himself an enthusiastic admirer of Churchill but deplores the Prime Minister's taking on the "role of electoral agent for the Italian Monarchy." He asks Churchill to follow the example set by Stalin and Roosevelt in leaving Italy free to choose her own government.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Realistic exposition of Siglienti. Approving commentary; Siglienti's analysis of needed reforms in tax structure is sound and the measures proposed are to be commended.

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2. Disapproval of choice of new foreign ministers. They are all of the old career school, hence all somewhat compromised by the regime. Must we have only half way measures in this field too? What is needed is men of intelligence and integrity, not compromised by their past, men who will be in sympathy with the new democratic orientation of Italy.

3. Radio. A private company, no. But neither should it be government controlled, likely to become a propaganda arm of the dominant party. It should serve the purposes of culture and liberty etc. Let us demonstrate that we can prepare the machinery for achieving these ends and then the Allies will let us do by ourselves the things that, up to now, they have been wanting to teach us. (Calogero)

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5. Roosevelt's electoral speech: 'Russia's economic policy concerns Russia only'.

6. Complaints about light, black market restaurants and insufficient salaries.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Approval of the financial and agrarian reforms passed by the Council of Ministers.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Referring to the discussions of the Allies, political statements, Alarmist rumors etc. touching the colonies, RL has this to say: millions of men have died that a new world may be born and not to insure the continuance of the principles and prejudices of the old expansionist imperialism. The destiny of our colonies will either be resolved along the lines of a just and modern conception of international relations or Italy must be allowed to keep what she has acquired with the consent of all the powers many years before Mussolini existed.

2. EIAE is still a parastatal organization according to official release from Presidenza del Consiglio and the rumors of private capital intervention are without foundation. There is a Commissione Straordinaria for its Administration and a Commissione di Vigilanza is in process of being chosen. Comment of RL is that the Vigilance Committee will settle the problem of the political independence of EIAE and that it is to be hoped the rumors of private interest will not retard handing over of EIAE by Allies to Italian authorities.

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3. Letter of a representative of the Abruzzese peasantry against plutocrats and landowners.

4. Complaints: Why are pastry-cook shops full of cakes when Roman children cannot get any sugar? Why has nothing been done about the allotment for the high cost of living? Why are the allotments of retired employees entirely out of proportion with the cost of living? Fascists have a knack of falling conveniently ill to escape punishment.

GENERAL: Meeting of the Council of Ministers: uncultivated land to be given to the peasants. Rise of Taxes.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Regrets that remarks on the Moroccans have been distorted by some radio reporters and news agencies. It was not an attack on the French Army, nor was the article an official statement of the Vatican.

2. Radio. Quotes article of ITALIA LIBERA on the radio. It stresses the educational function especially from the point of view of political education. But O. points out that moral education is even more important; hopes the radio will always keep in mind the Christian tradition.

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2. Long and pessimistic article by Pacciardi on Italy's position. The only concrete suggestion is that Italy must think of Italy and not of "the Empire."

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. How far have we got? Nenni goes over the history of Italian political developments since 25 July 43. Finds satisfaction in the

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fact that the workers are no longer confused; they know where they stand and want their program must be. The immediate need is greater and more intense participation of masses in politics.

2. The women ask chance to take part in public life. Delegation of Unione Donne Visite Bonomi. AVANTI approves their campaign for "active participation in political and administrative life of the country".

3. Gratitude and approval for Antonini's speech at Atlantic City. His Columbus Day speech is worth looking forward to. He promised to explain Italy's position and need to the U.S. and he is doing so.

4. Don Sturzo's remarks on Voci dell'America program calls attention to great gains made as indicated in Roosevelt's speech but feels the anti-fascist elements should be suppressed; finds secrecy of the whole business distasteful especially in contrast with Russian clarity on Roumanian assistance. Further feels the POWs should be taken care of. On Sicilian separation notes not only American disapproval but quotes London Times on same note.

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10. Again against the telephone Co's high handed cutting off of service.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Taxes must be proportioned to the financial situation of every citizen, says B. Visentini. It is just that those who have a large income should bear a large share of taxation. Salaries under 10,000

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 Lire or professional income under 14,000 Lire yearly will pay no taxes.

2. Bulgaria is trying to avoid declaring war on Germany; thinking that the change in its alliances deserves a recompense. It acted in much the same way during the war of 1914-1918. It is to be hoped that this time, the Bulgarians will be far seeing and courageous about territorial requests.

3. There must not be a Nuovo Giornale d'Italia.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Vincenzo Lucci disapproves of Biglianti's measures. He does not think they really correspond to the criteria set up by the minister. And he feels they bear heavily on industry, agriculture and commerce which are all necessary to the rebuilding of the country.

POPOLIO (Christian Democrat)

1. Answering to Ruggiero Jacobbi's article (cf. Tempo, Oct 7th, Il Popolo says that it does not see why being a mass party implies 'taking a big step' either towards republic or towards more advanced social solutions. A solution can only be reached gradually, in a democratic way.

2. The Roman Population needs 'pasta'.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The public often judges and condemns the Government conduct without sufficient information. Why does not the Government use its archives and inquiries and publish a book which would be a basis for discussion.

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POPULO (Christian Democrat)

1. Answering to Ruggero Jacobbi's article (cf. Tempo, Oct 7th, Il Popolo says that it does not see why being a mass party implies 'taking a big step' either towards republic or towards more advanced social solutions. A solution can only be reached gradually, in a democratic way.

2. The Roman Population needs 'pasta'.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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2. Need of holding communal elections. Radio broadcast by Negarville along familiar lines. Wives women vote too.
3. Armenian concessions. Interview with Gulio. Minister defines the measures as an act of "social pacification." The big landowners must understand this. It is not revolutionary, as Gulio says it.
4. Children in school. Various suggestions made on school opening. Buildings must be requisitioned or given up by parties. Welfare plans worked out, truancy controlled. Recommended that hygiene work be intensified.
5. Arrest of Gigli's brother in law combines UNIPA' of alleged occasion in which Gigli insulted one of the partisan heroes. Like the tenor was apprehended too, thinks U.

GENERAL

1. Don Scuzo's message to Italy: Italian and Allied agreements have now reached the realization phase, as can be seen from the appointment of the new ambassadors. The agreement of the six parties is a sign of political maturity. Don S. adds that Italy is ready to fight Japan but cannot bear having 1 1/2 million soldiers in P.W. camps. The political leaders of Italy must not forget that Sicily has a right to economic and administrative autonomy.
2. The decree on land distribution does not manage the present economic organization. The food problem is getting worse every day, and Italy cannot afford to have uncultivated land.
3. Arrest of Gigli's brother in law.
4. Articles on approaching trial of Amolimi.

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October 10, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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(RICOSTRUZIONE has four pages to-day.)

VOCİ REPUBLICANA (Republican)

1. Between us and liberty, says VR, stands the monarchy. But we have been sufficiently disciplined by our sufferings to know what we want and will not be diverted. It is useless for England to come to the aid of the king; the Foreign Office is powerless before history; let the English Conservatives be convinced of this. They have guessed well in the case of Germany and very poorly for Italy. But Italians will know how to overcome all obstacles.

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2. Pacciardi reviews the story of the Commission to examine the Surrender of Rome. According to him 4 generals were suspended and their conduct was to be investigated by a committee of two generals and representatives of the C.I.N. All the members named were honorable men and all accepted. Then nothing more was heard of the commission. Now we hear of a new military committee to judge of the responsibility of the suspended generals. Pacciardi doesn't like this at all and states that the republicans will make their own public inquiry.

3. Eden's comment that "interdependence of nations is the great lesson of contemporary history" is questioned by VR. The great lesson in their opinion is that aid promised to a friendly nation should be effectively carried out and the true guarantee of European peace is "internal transformation of the states on a basis of democracy."

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2. Society of the Friends of Yugoslavia (Bari): It means much more than the solving of the problem of their respective minorities and frontiers, says Carlo Bardi. It will contribute to the general problem of freedom by bringing out new international relations.

3. Attack against the House of Savoia which "has been taking advantage of the political credulity of the Italians".

4. Regina Coeli was supposed to be a very comfortable place - it seems that living conditions were not quite so good as that, and even need improving.

5. Complaints because of the immunity of many functionaries of the ex-Ministry of Corporations.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. One enemy. F. Marano recalls the prophetic words of Sparte (in 1934) to the effect that it would be an unhappy day for the peace of the world when a western power would make an alliance with an Oriental power. The German-Japanese alliance proves the truth of his words. Germany is almost beaten now but Japan remains still strong and dangerous. It is just as much our enemy as Germany and we Italians must help in eliminating it.

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1. Italy is a defeated country; this sentence has been enforced on it by guns, not after a legal discussion. Now, Germany might have answered in this way if it had won the war, says Pope, but neither England nor the United States ought to do so. Is it England's interest that Italy should lose its colonies? The tragedy of this war is that no peace formula has yet been found; it seems that there will be a peace of compromise instead of a Europe and federation without victors or vanquished.

2. Allotments for the high cost of living: many enterprises have part of their funds in North Italy, and are now figuring out what they can afford to give in the way of salaries.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Politicians find Ruini's speech just what one would expect from a representative of the petite bourgeoisie. Loyal to the principles of Libert , egalit , fraternit  this party is none the less anti-revolutionary and their tactics are those of elastic defense. Ruini's own gift is more for clarity than profundity.
2. Threatened strike of telephone workers. The TPII is asked to come to terms.
3. Approval expressed that the commission for discovering guilt responsible for surrender of Rome is now about to function.
4. TEMPO insists that QUOTIDIANO's article on Circolo della Gioia contained anti-semitism.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The situation of the working classes is unbearable, says Velio Spano. They know that A.C.O. has become A.C., they know the feelings of the Italian Government about the question of wages; they wonder who is their evil genius. Something ought to be done to give them better salaries.

GENERAL

1. The Azzolini trial: great resentment caused by the telegrams sent by Swiss and Swedish bankers. Why this foreign interference? (Unit  especially violent)
2. Minister Ruini's speech: considered chiefly as a proof of goodwill.
3. Plans for a lasting peace: Based on an International organization called the United Nations; the Assembly will deal with such problems as peace, armament control etc.
4. Bonomi's declaration to the Press: he has no special information about Eden's declaration. Feels that Italy is still looked upon as a conquered nation, whereas, as Croce has said, she belongs properly among the victors.
5. Appeal to Bonomi by CGIL on workers subsidy.

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October 11, 1944

Daily Digest of Home Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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1. Notes friction between England and Russia on Polish question and points out that visit of Churchill to Moscow is important in this frame work.

2. Communique from TMM saying there will be no strike of telephone workers.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist).

1. Dumbarton Oaks. Zimarcas discusses the security conference at length. To him it seems clear that the world is to be run by the four powers. He is concerned at the lack of international police force and even more troubled by Roosevelt's remarks that force may be used "to placate possible economic and social agitation." But armed

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intervention is no way to deal with social changes, says Z.

2. Hunger is a sorry counselor. Corrects Italia Nuova's statement that the living subsidy is a matter for the govt alone. Everyone knows ACC is the fiscal authority....Actually the measures are inadequate but even so the Govt would be well advised to avoid further delay.

3. Referring to Pacciardi in VE (yesterday) UNITA says the new commission to examine responsibility for surrender of Rome is merely a beginning. UNITA will keep up the agitation and go beyond the few generals under scrutiny, to the general staff, to Badoglio, to the King - all of whom have their share of guilt.

4. Difficulties of getting passes for trucks is subject of irate complaint. After all is clear with the allies the local authorities delay and obstruct indefinitely.

5. Article describing purpose and function of the Comitato Nazionale dello Spettacolo. The Allies have indicated their approval of this group which can do valuable liaison work.

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3. Medicines have been sent to Italy, but not enough quinine. A rise of 400% ~~is foreseen~~ for special drugs; couldn't at least such medicines as were the basis of the therapeutics of a good doctor twenty years ago be sold at a moderate price?

4. The working class is starving, yet the allotment for the high cost of living does not materialize.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Rev. J. Lewis declaration that the Pope has not condemned the excesses of the Nazis is refuted by Guido Gonella.

2. De Gasperi Broadcast Message: Italy won't have a new dictatorship either political or economic; parties must unite to help reconstruct the country.

3. Why do local authorities obstruct transport of meat needed for Rome?

4. Something ought to be done to raise the salaries of the civilians employed by the Air Force, and the allotments of war work invalids.

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3. Circolo della Gancia. Recalls a gambling scandal of 1922 affecting the circolo. The matter was hushed up by the Fascists. Ironic plea to reopen it for the convenience of Roman nobility and titled business men and...spying princesses.

4. Article on the hard winter facing the inhabitants of Cassino and the need of relief measures.

GENERAL

1. Roosevelt's declaration: the credit granted to Italy will be equal to the total amount of lire issued to pay the American

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troops in Italy. This credit will be used to buy essential articles for the civilian population.

2. The Council of Ministers will probably discuss the decree on the repatriation of land.

3. Article about Dezzolini's trial.

Violent polemics of Neapolitan newspapers: The judges must take in consideration the will of the people, says 'Voco' (Socialist-Communist)

If the Court has got to listen to the mob, it means that the Italians deserve neither freedom nor justice, answer Dupinacci of the 'Giornale' (Liberal)

4. Report on contribution to Grandi del Popolo (Rome).

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12 October 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

ATTENCON PAPER

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Notes the declaration on the part of various parties that anti-clericalism is a thing of the past because clericalism is dead. The conclusion would seem to be: an injustice recognized by the latter and indulgently forgiven by the former. Actually, according to O. the roles are psychologically and historically reversed.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - Nichevo.

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2. Politics and the school. Criticism of the still fascist nature of the schools. The writer, F.A. Porta, wants schools free of any kind of politics, dedicated to forming a "free and democratic conscience."

3. Noting the number of vacancies among the cardinals - there are now thirty vacant out of a normal college of 70 - R. suspects the Pope may call a secret Conclistry.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Pleased with the declaration of Roosevelt, now "we are setting down to facts". This is due to the numerous American friends of Italy and to Pres. R.'s understanding. The fundamental Italian claims still remain however: Allied status, freedom from control, liberty to choose their own form of govt.

2. For Allied troops only. Complaint on the number of places bearing that legend... Even the "Vespasiani"...

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2. Politics and the school. Criticism of the still fascist nature of the schools. The writer, E.A. Porta, wants schools free of any kind of politics, dedicated to forming a "free and democratic conscience."

3. Noting the number of vacancies among the cardinals - there are now thirty vacant out of a normal college of 70 - R. suspects the Pope may call a secret Conclavitory.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Pleased with the declaration of Roosevelt, now "we are getting down to facts". This is due to the numerous American friends of Italy and to Pres. R.'s understanding. The fundamental Italian claims still remain however: Allied status, freedom from control, liberty to choose their own form of Govt.

2. For Allied troops only. Complaint on the number of places bearing that legend... Even the "vespasiani"...

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Pietro Nenni, under the title "Columbus Day" wonders if peace will be in harmony with the huge sacrifices made by Europe and America during this war. And will America take part in the settling of European matters? Such is to be hoped. And having sent so many troops to our country, has she faith in it? What we suffer most of, is not lack of food, or the financial question, but the lack of faith in us, on the part of the Allies. They have no political faith in the Italian Government, no faith in our desire for liberty and democracy; they have no faith in their passion to fight with them this war which is fought in our country and which the best part of our people feel as their war.

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2. Perticone states that now we can use the expression "social democracy" or "democratic socialism" without being contradictory. The chief object of a perfect union between democracy and socialism was the existence of a now disappeared class of anti-proletarian bourgeoisie.

3. P.S. Situation. About 150, between soldiers and officers, have been executed. It is a beginning, but, we hope, not the end. What about all the "retards" and all the patriots who have been shot? How many of those agents have been executed? How can the people forget all the P.S. has done against them?

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1. The Anglo-Saxon nations have made the first step towards an inter-allied economic collaboration by granting Italy a credit of dollars corresponding to the amount of occupation currency, which will be used to buy American goods, writes Vincenzo Lucidi. Disposing of raw material, Italy will be able to rehabilitate its productive activity, while the credit in dollars will help the stabilisation of the lira.

2. A.C.C. seems to be responsible for the delay in coming to a decision about the allotment for the high cost of living. Nevertheless the Government admitted that the only difficulties were about "ferro", and now it will go on deliberating while the working classes are starving.

3. More about the bad living conditions of the nurses who are being trained in the Policlinico.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Complaints about tram services which are getting worse every day.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Italy's alimentary balance has always been unsatisfactory for increase in production was met by increase in population. A nation which has always employed 25 % of its import budget for alimentary products can only fight black market through importation, says Gino Bergami.

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2. One of the communist seats in Taranto was visited the other day by a dozen fascist, disguised as allied soldiers; they took away the flag and party symbols. It is necessary to proceed to arrest fascist elements still free.

3. Taking occasion from the anniversary of discovery of America, praises the Italo-American friendship and fraternity. Points out that Italy contributed a lot, by sending out many Italians to the United States, to the great step forward made by American production.

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4. A group of A.S.A. drivers has remained out of work for too long now, while the trucks they should be using to legally carry food into Rome, have been given instead to people who only work for the black-market. Allied Authorities, believing the words of a few swindlers, gave back all lorries to the people from whom they had been requisitioned by order of the Prefetto. A.S.A. drivers now say they are sorry they did not, at the beginning, steal the lorries themselves.

5. Bakers and bread shops are approaching an agreement.

6. Evacuation. The Florence Municipality has operated 72 employees.

7. Workmen of Pietralata are starving, and so are their children. They have sold already everything they possessed.

8. Evacuation. The S.A.S. employees and workmen protest because the "big-fish" never get evacuated, notwithstanding proofs against them and even the Prefetto's decision.

GENERAL

1. The Council of Ministers: articles about agrarian reform - food problem - civilian and political rights for the Jews.

2. Roosevelt's declaration: the equivalent in dollars of the total amount of lire issued to pay the troops will be put at the disposal of the Italian Government, as well as the products in dollars of the products exported from Italy, and the sums paid by people living in the States for their families living in Italy.

3. The Allies have no intention of backing up Sicily's separatist movement; nevertheless, the Government will examine proposals about regional autonomy and take steps to improve the economic development of the island.

4. The question of Trieste will be solved after the war. What about the other colonies?

5. Articles about Azzolini's trial.

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1. Enthusiastic article in praise of America, its politics, its spirit, its culture. This is one of America's great holidays and it would be gauche to intrude our sufferings. We will only say, writes Pacciardi, that when we look at the number of Italian American soldiers we simply refuse to believe that we are not united with the great Republic. We are friends and not defeated enemies no matter what may be said of the wickedness of the old regime and the King, whose declaration of war on America was a monstrous thing.

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2. Ironic commentary on the formation of the Fronte Monarchico Ciovacile Cavour which last night plastered the town with manifestos. (G.C.)

3. Another 275 grams of pasta? Such is the rumor. Distribution is said to wait only on permission of the Allies.

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8. Not only the Quotidiano, but also the Popolo is against us because we criticised the "cucina popolare" (kitchens for the poor) saying that not all the food that SEPRA allotted to the purpose went there, and that cleanliness was often lacking. But the facts are as stated, says A.

9. P.S. is beginning to discover and close up gambling clubs; but so far only small clubs have been hit.

10. Toffano, Oliva and Proia unit leave ENIC.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Tarchiani writes violently against the Sicilian separatism chief, Pinocchiaro-Aprile. Sicilians do not want to be separated from Italy. F.A. does not represent the intention of British and American Governments. Sicily wanted to separate from fascism, not from Italy.

London and Washington have declared they do not stand for separatism.

2. Benedetto Croce asks that the Allies grant Italy greater military participation to the war against Germany, as Russia has already granted Rumania.

3. So as to better electricity situation, why does not Allied Command help to form serious and efficient societies which will control the entire electric energy produced in liberated Italy?

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4. "Renters" should be abolished; everybody should have his own house or flat.

POPCLO (Christian Democrat)

1. July 25th, Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th, a date is still missing, writes Guido Gonella, that of Italy's alliance with the United Nations. The Italians have fulfilled all the conditions imposed by the Allied, and yet they are still in an inferior position. In spite of all the sacrifices made, they are only co-belligerents.

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2. America means to lay sound basis for the organization of peace without waiting for the end of the war, says Roosevelt.
3. Article about the Politecnico (Scuola di Architettura): badly trained nurses, dirt and neglect.
4. Many small employees find themselves in a very awkward situation: threatened by expropriation, they don't get their salary. Suspension of salary ought to take place only in the case of persons who are known to be guilty.

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2. Workmen and employees pay their taxes because their income is too well known for them to cheat. Other tax-payers never state their whole income. The fiscal conscience of the citizens needs to be awakened, says Antonio Pesanti, who also advises the creation of district Committees which would gather useful information from such

citizens as would be willing to help the state by supplying particulars about their neighbours' income.

3. The secretaries of the C.A.I.L. will meet the representatives of industrial, trading, banking and agricultural organizations to discuss the allotments for the high cost of living.

4. According to Mr. W.C. Bullitt's article in Life, it seems that Italy has become a 'British interest'. The responsibility of the Italians cannot be dissociated from that of Mussolini. Mr. Bullitt also thinks it dangerous for Italy to turn either Communist or Socialist. Belloc seems to resent the whole article.

5. Trouble about the rent in the suburbs. Couldn't something be done to help the tenants.

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2. Sergio Panunzio, "Professor of fascist history and doctrine" has died; no announcement appeared in the Press. Why? Did he not exist? And was he not, after all, an important figure in the fascist political world?

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republicans)

1. Did Minister Siglienti really know what he was doing when he increased from 2 to 4 % the Imposta sull'entrata? asks S. Nobile. We know that the State needs more money, but could not a more just and human means have been adopted? In this way only the buyer, is mostly represented by the poorer classes, has to pay this new tax.
2. Columbus Day. Re the exchange of telegrams and speeches between Bonomi and Roosevelt, notes that the former is the voice of "hope", and the latter the voice of "certainty."
3. A defense of Autonomy for Sicily. This rich island should be allowed to try its own Administration.
4. Why is Music not considered worthy of the Lincolin Academy?
5. Democratic schools. Who can better than the teacher, who is in daily contact with his pupils, realize the changes that are necessary in Italian schools? In Rome they already seem to have understood this, and teachers have created their Association, have discussed various problems. Let us hope that soon schools in Italy will be considered as a means of attaining education and culture, and not only a title and subsequent position.

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2. Sergio Panunzio, "Professor of Fascist History and doctrine" has died; no announcement appeared in the Press. Why? Did he not exist? And was he not, after all, an important figure in the fascist political world?

VOCÈ REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Did Minister Siglienti really know what he was doing when he increased from 2 to 4 % the Imposta sull'entrata? asks S. Nobile. We know that the State needs more money, but could not a more just and human means have been adopted? In this way only the buyer, is mostly represented by the poorer classes, has to pay this new tax.

2. Columbus Day. Re the exchange of telegrams and speeches between Bonomi and Roosevelt, notes that the former is the voice of "hope", and the latter the voice of "certainty."

3. A defense of Autonomy for Sicily. This rich island should be allowed to try its own Administration.

4. Why is Music not considered worthy of the Lincei Academy?

5. Democratic schools. Who can better than the teacher, who is in daily contact with his pupils, realize the changes that are necessary in Italian schools? In Rome they already seem to have understood this, and teachers have created their Association, have discussed various problems. Let us hope that soon schools in Italy will be considered as a means of attaining education and culture, and not only a title and subsequent position.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Finally, 2 months late writes the O.L. workers subsidies have been fixed. The Workers Confederation had asked for a fixed indemnity of 50 lire a day for Rome and 40 for the other Communi, to be given immediately. This indemnity which will be paid starting from the 1st of Aug., has been divided into 2 parts: a fixed sum (varying from 10 to 35 lire for men and women who must support their families; 20 to 25 for other women; 20 to 15 for young people) to be paid directly by the employers; and a second sum to be paid by the National Institute of Previdenza Sociale. This second sum is based on the demographic system; i.e. an augmentation of 50 % on the medium Assegni Familiari paid in the liberated Provinces, and 5 lire a day for each member of the worker's family.

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Now that this first request has been granted, the Confederation is getting busy on obtaining a help from the Government also for all ex-workers now pensioned.

2. All the powers to the C.I.N., says Nenni interpreting a very wide spread opinion. We recognise that in the south of Italy, where C.I.N. have not been born from conspiracy and hidden fighting against racism and fascism, there is a false element: in some of those southern regions C.I.N. have appeared as mushrooms, from Acruzzo northwards they are the interpretation of the will of the people, and the further north we shall go the more so it will be. If the Allies do not recognise the C.I.N., it will mean they do not recognise the Italy which for long months now has been fighting with them; or, even worse that they recognise the existence of the partisans to whom they give orders through the wireless, but, after their sacrifice, they repudiate them. So we insist: all power to the C.I.N.

3. The INPS Commissario has illustrated the urgent necessity of revising the Previdenza Sociale system. Pensions will have to be augmented and houses provided for workers and their families.

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7. Public Safety or Public Unsafty? The second definition is more appropriate at present. Why does not the Questura order more P.S. agents about at night? and why have they no means of transport? bicycles would do. Too much liberty becomes immoral if a few agents do not call to order the people who wander about the Roman parks. Too many hawkers and open air sellers at the dangerous traffic corners.

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ITALIA LIBERA (action)

1. The Italians are getting starvation salaries, writes Dino Centilli. It is true that for the alimentary problem, Italy depends on import, but the problem is also a problem of distribution and fight against the monopolizers. The Government ought to break down the barriers between the different regions.

2. Article of De Ruggiero on the problem of schools: some of the teachers are being sent to live in some very badly damaged

localities; material help must be given to them. There is a great shortage of text books.

3. It seems that some news-agencies are partly responsible for the sensation caused by Eden's declaration; for they attributed Barstow's interrogative words to Eden. It is strange that these false rumours should have spread in Italy which is entirely isolated and can only get news through Allied organs.

4. 'Italia libera' approves the closing of private schools 'source of scandal and speculation'.

5. How is it that some newspapers can get but meager information from the Quersura, while some other get plenty of news?

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The problem of the land is very complex, says Enzo Selvaggi. In some places, the landowners are backed up by the peasants themselves who realize that if they get the land, they will have to pay taxes; and that they cannot afford to buy cattle. There is a shortage of manpower, for, on various grounds, many peasants receive an allotment from the Government and don't feel like working. Landowners must be encouraged to cultivate and improve their whole estate, and peasants must be made to realize that they will never better their situation if they go on living on Government's allotments.

2. The allotment for the high cost of living can be but a temporary solution, for it is not proportioned to the rise of prices.

3. Article on Italian prisoners in America. The American population still mistrusts all Italian working units, this because of false informations.

4. Answer to 'Unità's article on the Carabinieri: Smith's article was insidious, probably unfounded and gave but a one-sided version of the facts.

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FORNIO (Christian Democrat)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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2. Business is slow and black market profits entirely escape taxation points out Enzo Vercelli. Legal trade ought to be encouraged, and if possible, distribution of all controlled goods organized. It would be advisable to concentrate effort on some essential goods.

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3. Problem of the reopening of the schools.

4. Language food needed for the children.

5. A Commissioner has been appointed for the S.N.I.C. Many false accusations had been made against this organization.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Croce writes in lengthy and hostile criticism of Salvemini's book, *La Casa Savoja*, which is an attack on the Royal House.

2. Roosevelt's announcement on L.M. line favorably noted. It will be of moral as well as practical value, even if the scope of the policy is not yet clearly defined.

L'ESPRESSO (Independent)

1. Very serious situation in the hospitals: the patients are trying to defend their rights. Insufficient food, no medicines.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. U.S. notes the spirit of national unity evident in the many letters he receives from Toscana. These letters are from workers, peasants and parish priests and they are a good augury for the future unity of the parties of the masses.

2. It seems that the weekly *Unione Proletaria* wants to become a daily and that the *Unita'*, now a *Bricklayer* weekly, wants also to appear daily and in Rome. *UNITA'* believes these papers to be fascist and reactionary and does not approve.

3. The *Circolo della Caccia* will reopen. *UNITA'* is so pleased that the aristocracy of Rome will now be able to return to its innocent pleasures.

GENERAL

1. Articles on the indemnity for the high cost of living.

2. Roosevelt's speech: The principles of the Atlantic Charter will be applied to Italy; will get help from America.

3. Articles on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

4. Articles on Ascolini's trial.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
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October 15, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Writing again about the refugees O. notes that things have somewhat improved. Cites article in Corriere di Roma, according to which the authorities and the national groups have been seconded, as was to be expected, by the Allies. But there is still much to do and one must give and give.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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3. Comment on Azzolini: his was a monarchic morality. There are higher responsibilities than his, however, and the story is not yet ended....Incidentally it is noteworthy that he managed to save the crown jewels.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Republic or Monarchy? Foreigners have nothing to do with this question, says Nenni; America's offensive doubt on Italy's

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immaturity to be ruled by those institutions which have made the fortune of the U.S.; Churchill with his old Tory preoccupations and his fears that the misfortune of the Savoia may harm the fortune of the Windsors; dollars and sterling; all this has nothing to do with us. Circumstances have forced us to postpone the institutional question, to accept, for the time being, the Monarchy; independence of our Country and bread for the people are more urgent problems. But we should like to know the opinion of the parties on the following: (a) the future form of the State and liquidation of fascism; if the State has to be democratic it must also be republican, as Monarchy, in Italy, can only count on the reactionary and feudal sects which sustained Mussolini's terrorist dictatorship; (b) land reform through expropriation; (c) socialization of trusts and "state" industries which are now in the hands of few.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Enzo selvaggi answers some articles of Nenni and Togliatti, praising the Committees of Liberation and asking that all the powers should be handed over to them. At the present moment, no party or Committee is representative of the nation writes T.S. Besides, many of these Committees are composed of people who suddenly turned anti-fascist. When Togliatti or Nenni speak of Committees, they mean their own parties and the Christian Democrats. Obviously, Communists and Socialists realize that their united forces cannot win the game; they need the help of the Christian Democrats. The Committees of

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Liberation must become the expression of the two left parties and of the Christian Democrats which they hope to drag to the left.

2. Commenting on the law for the punishment of fascist crimes, Scrutator says it is monstrous that citizens should have to answer for actions which were not legal offences at the time they were committed. Mussolini's real accomplices were those who enabled him to seize the power, not those who followed him when opposition had been stifled and when he had majority in Parliament.

3. Better wages for the employees of the State. What about those who have been pensioned off?

4. Communique from Gallo indicating desire to abolish "political price of bread" comment: What is the use of better wages if the price of bread rises (140 %)

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2. Schools had announced their reopening for the 16th, tomorrow, but it will not be so. Disinfection has not yet been done and many premises are still requisitioned.

3. "Strange", not to use a worse expression, conduct of the Commissario Alloggi. Evacuees go to the apartments assigned to them, and find them occupied; or, if they manage to get in, they are then sent away after a few days. Behaviour of the officials of state.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Skirmish between "Nerbo" partisans who wanted to cut the hair of "immoral women" and P.S. Agents who tried to reestablish order.

2. Corrado Calvo praises the "Lega socialista" though they are still not sufficient to feed all those people who cannot afford black market prices.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Sforza comment on Azzolini's sentence, i.e. that he would have approved of supreme punishment, is taken up by Unità with a remark that there is no doubt about the High Court of Justice's entire liberty of decision.
2. Riva Montagnana recalls the marvellous behaviour of all Russians helping to put in working order the Moscow coal mines flooded by the Germans. She realises that Italy could not do so much, but surely something might be done, when one thinks of all the strong young men who spend their days doing nothing.
3. Gallo, Minister of Agriculture, has made a declaration on institution of Settesegretariato dell'Alimentazione. The utmost care will be taken in choosing people specially competent in matters of buying, of distribution, and transportation. But, he adds, full success will only be attained by abolishing the political price of bread.
4. New operations in the Ministry of Communications.
5. F.S. Agents, yesterday, upset the carts of poor people selling odds and ends. But does P.S. not realise that these poor people mostly do this kind of work so as not to starve to death. Give them other means of existence but do not set so absurdly.
6. Some firms are already trying to annul the effect of the workers' subsidy decree.

GENERAL

1. Articles on the Azzolini trial. The Court has been weak, says Italia Nuova. The sentence touches Azzolini's whole entourage; many people share his responsibility, says Italia Libera.
2. Better economic conditions for the employees of the State.

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October 17, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Commenting on aid given the citizens of Pisa by the Bishop and clergy, C. remarks that this is an answer to those who are always telling the Church to keep out of private affairs. How would the stricken people have felt if the Church had taken that attitude?

2. Croce's remarks on the bad historical method of Salvemini (RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE, 15 Aug) are applauded. Many historians to-day need to be reminded of "good historical method" - including Croce himself.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

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4. Interview with prof. Mira (Impresario Opera Nazionale Combattenti) on land problem. He feels that the Order of the Day of the Liberal party is sound but in the operation of returning the land to the peasants there are two dangers to guard against. One is the risk of too precipitate action with indiscriminate seizure of land. This would not be good for the economic interest of the country. The other is the cunning selfishness of some landowners who may have to be watched carefully lest they take advantage of legislative loopholes. A national committee or group of some sort is recommended to exercise this vigilance.

5. Federazione della Stampa. Luigi Salvemini, president of Azzarita, Consiglio Deliberativo. Further organization postponed.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The King and Badoglio are even more responsible than Mussolini for Italy's present condition, writes Zuccarini. This because of their policy on 25 July. And the six parties made a great mistake in entering the govt. Had they stayed out and kept their integrity the Allies would have had to choose between supporting a govt obviously not to the peoples taste or setting up pure military occupation. They would have chosen the latter course and there would not now be an Italian govt, compromised in principle and with the burden of the amnistia upon it.
2. Another article against Croce, this time for his harsh allusions to Borgnes. VR claims that Croce is resentful of Borgnes because he knows that the latter, like other exiles, has been disgusted by Croce's attempts to protect the monarchy and by his association with Badoglio.
3. Another article on Sicily by Luigi Cocuzza. Thesis: tenor of life in Sicily must be brought in line with rest of Italy.

MORNING PAPERS

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6. Calosso's speech emphasises the need of giving all power to C.I.N.; he says the problem has certain analogies with the English Revolution which was based on Independence, and that even America's development is based on this revolution. He does not

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think the Allies are against Republic being Italy's new form of Government. Two things Italians can surely do by themselves, he goes on: i.e. form the Republic and continue formation more thoroughly, confiscating fascist capitals and belongings. Among other problems he mentions re-ordering of all educational systems, and rendering compulsory primary education; and a sexual reform which should do away with light love-making of Italian men, and give initiative to the women.

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5. The "Teti" will soon raise its prices. Shall we at least be able to have more calls? It is doubtful.
6. Allies have given authorisation for the "Red Cross Week" which will be held in a few days.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Emigration is a necessity and cannot be considered from a sentimental point of view, writes Mario Ledeschi. The thesis that it is a loss for the country cannot be sustained, for if these people remained, they wouldn't find work and would be a strain on national economy. Temporary emigration is a great source of remittances for Italy. In the future, the problem of emigration will have to be considered without antiquated prejudices.
2. Article on the political price of bread: who is going to pay the difference between 'sale price below cost' and real cost price? Besides, the economy made by suppressing the political price of bread will be nullified by the political prices now to be fixed for other goods.

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2. Alberto Savinio has spoken with an Italian officer just returned from a Tennessee concentration Camp. Though this war-prisoner has never been out of his camp, he has given S. a better description of America than any film or geography book ever has. Where lies the main secret of America's success? In this. That everything there, is in its place. Cattle is raised where the

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ground provides good pasture for it; the right people are in the right places. Say, thinks that Russia is more or less in the same condition. While the rest of Europe, instead, is striving to obtain secondary things, and all countries here are fighting one against the other.

3. A "Console" of the "Milizia" has been arrested; he was found out because he kept under spirit, ears torn from his victims.

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4. More talks about rationing electric energy.

5. Avanti will continue writing against gambling, even if Ris. Lib. says that SP doing so compromise private liberty.

6. Several Roman news-papers went on strike yesterday to protest against the scarcity of electricity allotted to them. 3383

7. Several "gerarchi" have been arrested.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. What will America do with her enormous surplus in war production? Bruno Arzuffi says unemployment awaits U.S. after the war

is over.

2. Guido Calogero has read with approval two articles appeared on *Monismo* and *Avanti*, about relations between socialism and democracy; the first one by Seraghi, on substantial identity between work-forces and human ideals of democracy, the second one by Perticone on "Socialism and democracy". He does not quite approve of an article on the same subject by Lombardi nor of one by Panunzio who, he said, had approached the subject very superficially. His whole article is a defence of his own writings which have been incorrectly interpreted.

3. O.N.C. in an order of the day, defends its rights of existence, against an article appeared in *Ris. Lib.* of 15th last.

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RISORGIMENTO CRISTIANE (Liberal)

1. Amnistion. After reviewing the various amnistions, beginning with Italy's, occurred during this last period, L. Bartero thinks that the Hungarian one, though enacted before being carried out, will have quite serious consequences for Germany, because the worn out Hungarian peasants, having just heard the word "amnistion" must surely have more or less dissolved.
2. Land to the peasants. Referring to the O.K.C. order of the day, the Ris. Lib. points out that the Liberal Party had no intention of taking away the land from the "Compartenti". On the contrary it has always sustained their rights.
3. Lack of electricity is the greatest problem for new reclaim of Pontine Marshes. A.C.C. is examining the situation.
4. Election lists are being prepared.
5. The never ending electricity problem. Why do not the two Roman electric societies make a more serious distribution of what energy is available?

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3. Another article stressing need of re-opening Breda works.

GENERAL

1. Electric light is to be rationed. It remains to be seen whether we will get any electric light at all.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Nelli Novi.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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2. Need for taking action to encourage farmers: devastated lands should be cultivated, credit made available to farmers. Region between Anzio and the Alban Hills is a "tragic picture".
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2. Protest on Grossato affair. (See UNITA' 18 Oct).

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MORNING PAPERSAVANTI (Socialist)

1. De Gasperi did not like the article I wrote on Sunday, says Nenni. Let us pass over small analytical criticism; De Gasperi says we want to violate ministerial solidarity; but we did not ask the Government immediately to proclaim the republic, to put in act at once the Land-reform, to socialise industries. We had merely asked the Parties point of view on these three questions. The Popolo seems afraid to speak clearly, for two reasons: fear of pushing "respectable people" towards reaction and fear of displeasing the Allies. We despise these excuses and we think the chief one is the fear that socialist agitations might carry us towards a new dittatura.

When, continues Nenni, we ask for republic, land-reform and socialisation, we only interpret the minimum need of the masses and of the times. La Malfa, in Italia Nuova, agrees with us that on these three chief problems depends the free democracy of workers.

2. Calosso's observation, in his last speech, about sexual reform and giving initiative to women, has caused bitter comments from the "Popolo" which confuses it with prostitution. Now is it, asks Calosso in today's article, that we have scandalised just the Christian Den. Did not Christianity discover, centuries ago, the soul of women? In other countries, especially in England, he goes on, there are well known women in the political and social field. Few famous Italian women have been praised and usually only for having been good and prolific mothers. Giving sexual initiative to women means allowing them to compete with men in any activity.

3. Pontiglione, Prefetto of Catanzaro, has confiscated a number of our news-paper which contained an anti-monarchic article. But political censorship does not exist in democratic Italy. Administrative officials have no right to act so. If they want to express their political views, they must do it as private citizens.

4. Graziani's belongings have been confiscated.

5. Silene, at the wireless last night, spoke of the need of Italians for truth, rather than for dollars or sterling; the question today, he said, is not the way you cook bread or make shoes, but the very existence of man. To be a socialist means to be entirely and courageously a man, to face the horrors of war and the results of fascism.

6. The other day a group of workers of Ancona was speaking

the Allies. We despise these excuses and we think the chief one is the fear that social agitators might carry us towards a new dictatorship.

When, continues Manni, we ask for republic, land-reform and socialisation, we only interpret the minimum need of the masses and of the times. La Malfa, in *Italia Nuova*, agrees with us that on these three chief problems depends the free democracy of workers.

2. Calosso's observation, in his last speech, about sexual reform and giving initiative to women, has caused bitter comments from the "Popolo" which confuses it with prostitution. Now is it, asks Calosso in today's article, that we have scandalised just the Christian Dem. Did not Christianity discover, centuries ago, the soul of women? In other countries, especially in England, he goes on, there are well known women in the political and social field. Few famous Italian women have been praised and usually only for having been good and prolific mothers. Giving sexual initiative to women means allowing them to compete with men in any activity.

3. Pontiglione, Prefetto of Catanzaro, has confiscated a number of our news-paper which contained an anti-monarchic article. But political censorship does not exist in democratic Italy. Administrative officials have no right to act so. If they want to express their political views, they must do it as private citizens.

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7. Expropriation is not done as it should (note from Rieti).

8. Land-lords speculate too much on the present situation.

9. It seems that workers' indemnity is not granted to women married to State employees. They speak also of depriving these women of the "indennità di bombardamento". One can see in this

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the hand of those same men who for 20 years have robbed the people and whose chief is the puppeteer Generalissimo Mussolini.

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5. Praises of the Black Market! P.S. writes a short article full of feeling in praise of all the people, mostly women. (Men were then hiding to avoid capture by Germans) who during the nine months of Nazi occupation risked their lives to bring some food in Rome.

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6. Increase in price of electricity should have been applied starting 5th Sep. Instead it has been applied also on the July-August bills.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Private property or property of public organizations should not exceed a certain size; the liquidation of the lands owned by the veterans won't solve the problem, for their patrimony depends in great part on enterprises of agricultural transformation, which have been greatly delayed by the fact that such lands wouldn't benefit the peasants. This does not mean that the Opera Censuanti isn't to revise its organization.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Violent attack against the Carabinieri (incident of Marsico).
2. Article of Valerio Siano on the prisoners of war who are now coming home; they will need moral help to adapt themselves to the new conditions.

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3. According to 'Belfagor': (a) in Italy, real anti-fascism must be socially radical; a sound and permanent democracy cannot be formed by simply going back to a regime of pre-fascist type. (b) When Mr. W.C. Bullitt says that the Soviet Union interferes in other countries' internal affairs, he is forgetting that this never happened in Finland, Rumania, or Bulgaria, but that there was an intervention - and not a Soviet one - to impose a solution of the institutional problem, that Italy wouldn't have chosen otherwise. (c) Italy isn't yet freed from fascism and some people are already organizing an anti-bolshevik front.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

The Blackpool Trade Unions meeting has declared that German

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people must share responsibility for crimes committed by Nazis. The Russian delegation has given its approval to the declaration, adding that, in Russia alone, the work of a whole generation will be needed to cancel traces of German devastation.

All this is true; Germany has once more brought destruction and death in other countries; all this must have a revenge, and destruction of German towns is only the beginning of it. German working classes, says Neund, will undergo the same fate as Nazism, if they do not find the means of separating from it. Nazism must be destroyed, and those hit and punished must be those really responsible, not as in Italy, the people. The German "proletariat" has made many mistakes, but all the same we believe that it still might be saved; may all German workers, ends Neund, understand that it is high time they turned their weapons against their brown-shirted oppressors.

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1. For the first time in modern Europe, the Italian nation is acting independently of its government. The war it is fighting is the people's war, and aims at progress. The Partito d'Azione doesn't want the restoration of a pro-fascist past, writes Aldo Garosci; it aims at laying the foundation of a collective order expressing the various needs of the forces which took part in the fight.

2. About tobacco: the number of the 'tessera' has diminished; it seems that people went on smoking after they were dead.

3. Why haven't the workers of the printing-offices got the food supplement?

4. Can't the 'circolare interna' be reestablished? Its suppression means but a very little economy of electric power.

LUIGI RUSSA (Democrat)

1. The true and decisive class fight will only occur when capital development will have destroyed the medium and "proletarianized" the working classes; only then will the situation be favorable for last fight which will cause the fall of one class and the first victory of another. So wrote Bonomi in June 1944. Lucifore finds that B.'s present work, coherent with what he wrote, is the ruin of the country. He violently criticizes S. and ends by calling him of "idiot", that is to stand for socialism and democracy, for republic and monarchy. His scepticism and bigness are in contrast with interests of the Italian people.

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2. Palermo. Employees of Banks and "asattoria" held a demonstration to obtain increase of salaries. During which somebody began shooting at passing troops, who returned the fire. 18 dead and 104 wounded. The Provincial C.I.L.D. promised to look for those responsible.

3. Schools cannot open because premises are occupied by evacuees. But not all evacuees are evacuated. We have discovered that many.

very many of these people, have managed to swindle the authorities, and are now having let their own flats for good money, live in the schools.

4. Where does all the meat sold in the black market come from? Well organized bands, during the now long nights, practice on the stealing on large scale. Stolen animals are brought by lorry into Rome.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Violent article of Vito Spino: traitors and criminals like Lascioli, Pardinielli, etc are not punished. This is an encouragement for future criminals. If people who commit crimes for the Nazis are not punished, why should people who commit crimes for the reaction party be punished?

2. Violent article on the Licata incident: innocent working people have been murdered by ferocious policemen.

3. The political price of bread means an enormous weight on the States budget; besides there is no reason why people who are comfortably off should get their bread under cost price. The State ought to control some essential foodstuffs only, and see that they are equitably distributed.

4. A Commissioner ought to be appointed to the train.

Many elements which ought to be expured are still working for the IM. Why should other members of the personnel be alienated?

GENERAL

1. Articles about the Moscow interviews. The Polish Committee of Lublin says it is ready to come to an agreement with Mikolajczyk.

2. Dewey says that an improvised administration has been given to Italy and that America hasn't come enough to help it.

3. The next Council of Ministers will discuss the rise of the allotment of the workers and employees who have been pensioned off. The method for the payment of the allotment for the high cost of living will be settled today.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Pacciardi writes quite bitterly on the "concessions" Roosevelt is making Italy. No Lease Lend and UNRRA will be inadequate... 1700 trucks are very good to have - or will be - but the Allies would do more for us by merely returning the cars they have requisitioned... etc.

MORNING PAPERSAVANTI (Socialist)

1. Why does the Ris. Lib., when it says "Land to the Peasants" only speak of expropriating the C.N.C. And what about the huge properties of the fascist gerarchi, of the Sicilian latifondisti, of the farmers who in Puglia and in the Po valley have been the chief profiteers of Fascism and of the "battaglia del grano"? After all, says Nenni, the C.N.C. is by no means the worse latifondista; it has reclaimed the Pontine Marshes and the Maccanese and the Volturno valley; it has given peasants work and it has given them after a certain number of years the house they had lived in and the land they had cultivated. The C.N.C. will disappear one day but at present let it be; it is organized and in condition to undertake the working of the lands of those who have profited by Fascism or by war.

2. Better economic conditions for State employees.

3. Avanti would like to know if the people can count on the Christian Democracy, in their fight for Republic and land-reform and socialization.

4. Sugar for sweets and pastries, and none for the children and the sick.

5. Is it not possible to keep Roman streets just a little cleaner?

6. Expropriation in the Ministry of Treasure is not conducted as it should be.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Sicilian separatism does not only express the wishes of the latifondisti and reactionaries; deep dissatisfaction expresses itself in this way in Sicily, especially in the bourgeois classes. To fight this tendency, strong political action must be undertaken among the rural populations as well as among the population of the towns.

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2. Better economic conditions for State employees.
3. Avanti would like to know if the people can count on the Christian Democracy, in their fight for Republic and land-reform and socialisation.
4. Sugar for sweets and pastries, and none for the children and the sick.
5. Is it not possible to keep Roman streets just a little cleaner?
6. Epuration in the Ministry of Treasure is not conducted as it should be.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Sicilian separatism does not only express the wishes of the latifondisti and reactionaries; deep dissatisfaction expresses itself in this way in Sicily, especially in the bourgeois classes. To fight this tendency, strong political action must be undertaken among the rural populations as well as among the population of the towns.

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2. Common offenders are often set free because there is no room for them in Regina Coeli.

3. The Spadari case isn't clear. (S. was secretary of Koch, released from jail by Allies on 18 Oct. according to U.N.)

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The agrarian reform must be based on agricultural co-operation.

2. The State and electric power: the needs of post-war reconstruction make the help of the Government indispensable. Annibale Cilardoni suggests that the State might have a participation in private enterprises, and in some cases it would have the direct management of certain power plants.

3. The Stand of the A.S.A. seems to benefit no one but the producers.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (liberal)

1. The O.N.C. Land question. Comment on Viola's letter in which - surprised by the fact that the liberal party should be the one most against him, he states that the solution of the land problem, as prospected by the liberal party, is exactly what the O.N.C. has already done and continues doing. A.2. says that O.N.C. has not given the land to the workers, as it had promised to do, except in very few cases.

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3. 300 working families are without water, because of the lack of electric power in v. Dioia.

4. The SABA factory must be made to pay the allotment for the high cost of living.

5. Fascists have kept their jobs in several hotels, and the working class has to submit to their tyranny.

6. A.C.C. takes the parts of the latifondisti. Perhaps because some officers are on friendly terms with Roman aristocracy.

GENERAL : 1) The Council of Ministers: approval of the allotment for the high cost of living; help will be given to the employees of the State; one million six hundred thousand lire for the economic rehabilitation of the country.

2) Articles on the Palermo incidents, and declaration of Alvisio.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ABLESS CONTROL COMMISSION

PHB/RS

October 22, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CONSERVATORE ROMANO

1. The problem of the day. Editorial on the Palermo riot. What is needed and immediately, in the opinion of the C. is complete reevaluation of violence by all, under any circumstances. Particularly the parties must help the government and perhaps especially those parties which are clamoring most loudly for expiation. Nor should there be any approval expressed or violent action - as was the case, for example, at the time of the Garbatia affair. And the parties must vigorously oppose to Fascism must not leave themselves open, by their methods, to the suggestion that their mentality and methods are precisely those of the defunct regime.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - Risen a signaler.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Ponteviva writes on the workers subsidy. The delay has been trying and it is well known the fault is not the government's but ACC's. Even though Control has been theoretically removed from the commission the present position is not such as to give the government complete liberty in such matters. It is regrettable too that when the old fascist labor organizations were destroyed some new and better machinery was not set up in its place. At any rate, thought it is recognized that the living problem has not been solved by any means, something has been done for workers and state employees and substantial help has now been given them.

2. Another article on unhappy position of refugees in Santa Croce barracks.

3. Foundation of ARIL, new cooperative news agency, noted and approved.

VOCAL REPUBBLICANA (Republican) - Unavailable.

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VOOR REPUBLICANA (Republican) -- Unavailable.

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2. Bonomi has sent circulars to all Prefects giving instruction to hand over uncultivated lands to association of peasants. This to prevent riots and agitation.

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3. Intergovernmental Committee has examined a general plan to be approved by the next Council of Ministers, about economic provisions from Sicily and the Latifundia question.
 4. C.G.I.L. stated that workers' indemnity must be an over-all decree.
 5. Speaking from American Radio last night, Mario Varoli says, about the Palermo riots, that Sicily must remember that neither U.S. nor England are in favour of Sicilian separatism.
 6. At Moscow meeting, Zimbarco, after having briefly reviewed the various meetings and conferences of the last years, adds by saying that if Russia's chief interest is protection of her western frontiers, British constant interest is the safety of her routes of communication.
 7. 30 Senators discharged.
 8. "Unions", says Lizzadri, are the only forces on which to-morrow's peace may hope to live. Unions have shown already what they can do, organising relief, schools, hospitals, etc. American Unions sent to ravaged Italy the first aid and supplies. To-morrow's diplomats will not be able to ignore the fact that Union delegates will represent the thoughts and wishes of many millions of people.
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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Palermo separatists arrested for having distributed illegal leaflets. New slight incidents but no blood shed.

2. Insists on separation among Carabinieri.

3. Vincenzo Lucci points out the advantages and mostly the disadvantages - for Italy - of the em-life. Is it not time to lower the rate of exchange? he asks.

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4. The electricity rationing situation seems to be very complicated, and everybody seems to be making suggestions. Wait and see.

5. Trial of Generalle Fattinelli and Del Torre postponed to gather more witnesses.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - Nothing new.

RICORDI-WTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Article of Lorenzo Barbero on the Churchill-Stalin interviews: as the United States sent no special representative, it seems that the problems discussed were of a European character. The English tend to back up the constituted authorities and help them to collaborate with the political forces born from war and revolution.

TEMPO (Independent) - Nothing new.

UNITA' (Communist)

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Nothing new.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. The law for the division of land has been hailed as a triumph of the workers by the social-communist organization. When why should the workers use unlawful means to get what they could get lawfully?

2. Help will be given to the landowners and peasants who want to buy cattle.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The first of the 3 points brought up by Nenni needs no explanation, says Saragat; the second, "land reform" must not be considered only as a democratic administration of the great properties; it signifies reorganization of all property, large and small; some of the small owners who cannot by themselves exploit the land, must join in a cooperative form, while many large properties must be divided into small ones. It is a very complex problem which varies from region to region and which will need a thorough study by competent people.

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The third point, "Socialisation of monopolies" does not mean, as some people seem to think, that all firms and industries will be taken over by the State, but rather that all producers (workmen, technicians, organisers) will be responsible, under a State control.

2. Roosevelt, in a speech he made on foreign politics, said America does not intend to enslave Germany.

3. Latest information about Palermo plot specifies that the soldiers were the first to erect without any provocation whatsoever. Therefore, says Avanti, enquiries cannot be directed just by a P.S. General Inspector, but the Govt will have to send a representative who can be bribed by no local connections. Separatists' seat closed.

Aldisio ended his declarations on the Sicilian events saying that the Italian State cannot tolerate any longer similar infraction of the law, and that it will therefore deal with such matters very severely.

4. The new "ambassadors of work" will have to make the U.I.L. (Organizzazione Internazionale Lavoro) forget that Mussolini, in 1937, withdrew Italy from it, says Ceporaso. That is way Italy, though absent at the last meeting, should give her approval to the Phila delphia Charter.

5. Students want to study. When will schools open again?

6. Why has not operation begun in hospitals?

7. A group of Cinema workers want to see Bonaldi about their present tragic situation.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Why should the trial of the two Generals Pentimalli and Zelotto have been postponed, unless this will bring before the Court of Justice the greater, and so far untouched, criminals? People want to feel that Justice is being carried out, though, it is quite true that, just as Arzolini was not the only nor the chief one responsible for the loss of Italy's gold, so these two Generals who had been ordered to await superior instructions, are not responsible for what happened in Sept. of last year.

2. News that De Gaulle's Administration of France has been recognised by the Allies as French Govt is given without comment.

3. La Malfa spoke at a meeting of cadets and reminded them of their duty of taking part in public life; told them to have faith in the new Italian democracy which wants to give even to the smallest and most remote villages, freedom from want.

4. The Rome University functions regularly.

2. Transoceanic migration has always been very strong in Italy. Mario Tedesco, explaining that our people must emigrate as Italy is too small for them, hopes that America will not be closed, after the war, to Italian emigrants.

3. Luciani, in a very abstract article, criticizes Croce's lack of sincerity, for, after having violently accused the King in Naples he now has written praises of the Savoia House.

4. Tven Pavolini, Fascist General, was a violent control of telephone calls.

5. S. V. P. R. A. L. does not do its job well

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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TRINIO (Independent) - Nights news.

UNITA' (Communist)

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6. The indemnity for the high cost of living has been voted, but what about the unemployed?

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October 25, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Tribute to De Gaulle in his hour of triumph.
2. Denial that Jesus was a socialist.
3. Article stressing the importance of Poland's case. Politically and morally the settlement of the Polish problem is crucial.
4. Associated itself with the Camera Confederale del Lavoro in protesting against indiscriminate abolition of supplements to normal workers and the restricted payments to heavy workers for the Armed Forces and a few other categories.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Ronteviva examines the position of the Socialists and the C.D.'s on Lenini's statement of objectives. He finds there is nothing in Lenini's goals to alarm any of the parties and it would be impossible to take exception to them in the main. However the C.D.'s are right when they insist that the proper time for discussing these points is on the occasion of the Constituent assembly. For the time being discussion of fundamental issues might well be dangerous to the harmony of the six parties and it would be wiser to consider only emergency problems - on which agreement will not be difficult.

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3. Closing of private schools a mistake, in opinion of R.

4. There is talk of naming a commissario for the VIST (Vista Italiano Scambio Ideali); this is wrong; the VIST should disappear, having been a fascist agency with a strangling effect on the theatre.

VOC- REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. According to reports collected by VR the trial of Del Turco and Pentimalli has been postponed because certain documents which

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the defense had on hand, have disappeared. These documents were alleged to implicate Badoglio and the General staff. It is said the president of the court, though under pressure, is unwilling to begin the trial until the documents are found. All things are possible, says Pacciari, and this may be all true. It is certainly to be hoped, he adds, that the responsibility will be placed where it belongs, no matter how high it has to go. But then it is almost foolish to hope for; when the very Govt has associated itself with the elements to blame for the surrender of Rome. How can one expect to be judge and jury at the same time?

2. Article reprinted from N.Y. Communist paper "Unità del Popolo". One G. Dattì writes that Italy is tired of waris from the allies and wants facts.

3. It is noted that Toscanini has resigned from Italian Relief Committee. No reason given; VR suspects his reason may be the same as Baldanzi's. The latter also resigned because he did not care to be associated with Genaroso Pope, notoriously Fascist before America entered the war. This is the same Pope, comments VR, to whom Bonomi sent a Columbus Day message....

WORKING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. On Sicilian separatism, Calosso writes repeating things already said by himself and by others: that separatism in Sicily was born under Mussolini, and that it meant therefore separation from Fascism and not from Italy; that Sicily is not as rich in wheat as many seem to think; that Sicilian men's well-known jealousy has been increased by twenty years of beastly police methods that, last but not least, the whole administration of the island needs to be changed. Democratic regionalism, based on an economic plan, will be the best safeguard of unity. A declaration guaranteeing a right to separate might be drawn, as such rights are never used.

2. Turgation in I.N.A. and A.C.I.A.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. On Sicilian separatism, Calosso writes repeating things already said by himself and by others; that separatism in Sicily was born under Mussolini, and that it meant therefore separation from Fascism and not from Italy; that Sicily is not as rich in wheat as many seem to think; that Sicilian men's well-known jealousy has been increased by twenty years of beastly police methods that, last but not least, the whole administration of the Island needs to be changed. Democratic regionalism, based on an economic plan, will be the best safeguard of unity. A declaration guaranteeing a right to separate might be drawn, as such rights are never used.

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4. The Colliero workers and their families are almost starving; no food arrives there and the millionaire Parodi will probably close down even the "mensa aziendale", which has lately been giving only a watery soup.

5. Students of technical institute "Leonardo da Vinci" on strike because Prof. Landicelli has not been exonerated.

6. The Quarters Paroli needs urgent apuration.
7. Prices of Food too high.
8. 28 Senators removed from their charge.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Answer to F.S.'s article in POPOLO, (22 Oct.). Popolo considers Nenni's attitude to be antidemocratic because he does not admit the possibility of a break between the Communist and Socialist parties. This comment shows a deep mistrust on the part of Christian democracy; this has got to be eliminated if a sound democracy is to be founded in Italy. More than any other parties, the Socialists and Communists are capable of establishing the necessary conditions of stability and eliminating mistrust among the parties.

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3. Why does not the Allied Command allow the inhabitants of Ostia to return to their homes?

4. A great quantity of wine has arrived. Will the S.T.P.A.A.L. manage to put the price down to about 30 lire per litre?

TEMPO (Independent)

1. A reef for evacuees. Yes, but it is a very complex problem. What if a huge modern ugly building rose in the centre of a town like Florence or Pisa? And even restoration of bombed or shelled houses is a matter not only of work, but also of taste and artistic feeling and education. We must remember, writes Tempo, that Italy, tomorrow, will be again a country of tourism; her towns cannot afford to be spoiled. But meanwhile winter is here. Who will solve this complex and difficult problem?

2. What about agitation among diplomats? asks Ordo.

3. Savinio says Europe must learn to free herself from her past; war, the honour and beauty of war, is a thing of the past. Europe, if she wants to go on living, must learn from America and Russia, who live in the present and not in the pride of their old victories.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Italy ought to imitate Yugoslavia, writes Vello Spano; there the fight against fascism is taken seriously.

2. The University ought to be operated in a methodical way; at the present moment it is in a chaotic state, and most appointments seem to be made arbitrarily.

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PRB/RS

October 26, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.ARTHUR KOON PAPERSOSSERVATORE ROMANO

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2. Nenni, having been on a tour through various devastated zones of central Italy, says the people, who are everywhere hungry, must at least have faith in justice, believe that all the responsible shall be punished, and that therefore their own sufferings will be revenged. The parties must not let down the people, if they do not want to compromise the renewing of Italian life.

3. Italy must rebuild her economic system not on the entirely wrong idea of "autarkia" but concentrating her efforts on those things - either grown or manufactured - which can be had with the help of her two most important active elements: climate and "mano d'opera". So says the American economist Dennis Dorn, and he ends by stating that America would be well advised in investing money in Italian enterprises.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Govt has denied that all nominal shares of I.R.I. have been carried north; those which have, are a minimum part which cannot

possibly damage the situation of the I.R.I. As far as responsibilities are concerned, the operation Commission will take charge of the matter.

2. State employees get put out of their I.N.C.I.S. flats, with their families, when they are pensioned. Is this not rather absurd and inhuman?

3. Spataro received a delegation of A.C.C.I. (Associazioni Culturali Cinematografica Italiana)

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GENERAL

1. Articles on the appointment of the Ambassadors to London and Rome. This gives hope that Italy will be considered as a collaborator of the United Nations.

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AMERSON PAPERS

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2. Bonomi, interviewed by Reuters correspondent Cecil Spriggs, said that today's greatest problem was to resolve the tragic situation in which Italy finds herself, and to leave political and social questions to later on. Speaking about elections he said he had already prepared a law - having temporary character - for forming the lists, which will be ready in 3 or 4 months; then and only then will it be time to begin administrative elections, which will be the first in democratic Italy. Asked what he thought of hidden clandestine forces, he said he believed these could be drawn in with democracy, if well managed. He pointed out the importance of the Italian emigration question and ended by saying he had faith in democracy and in the sense of justice of the Allies.

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2. Why have a General Director for the Press? Nothing to say against the man chosen, a good journalist, known for his independence, but much to say against the post, which reminds everybody of Pavolini and the Ministry of Popular Culture.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Scrutatore writes a rather abstract article on democratic State and the two opposite schools; the libertarian one, which considers the State as an organ above society and whose duty it is

to arbitrate conflicts among the parties, and the second, Marxism, which denies the possibility of a State above the parties, as it might then be a dictatorship. To destroy fascism means destroying an immense structure, built up in 20 years; if this is destroyed there will have to be another one, as otherwise the State will not be able to exist.

2. Italian soldiers were ^{never} really hated in Greece, says Bersanatti Sgadari, because Greek people felt the great difference there was between them and the Germans. When Germans came back to Greece in 1942, the population was literally starving. In Athens 120 people died daily of hunger, but nobody would ask anything from a German.

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2. Something ought to be done to help the people who have to leave Rome.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Article on the incidents of Palermo.
2. The Communists propose that through the representatives of their parties, the Sicilians should work out the constitutional and administrative regulations which the Constituent Assembly will have to adopt to solve the problem of the island. Besides, local administration ought to be entirely renewed; the democratic and antifascist parties must be perfectly free respecting their agitation and organization activity; severe regulations must be enforced against those who would forcibly oppose this activity.
3. Bieffe attacks Italian aristocracy, mentioning people by name; he is planning to publish the salient points of the lawsuits and trials in which the members of the three secret clubs of Rome were involved.
4. Nothing is being done for the unemployed.

GENERAL

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2. Our "daily bread" is not as it should be; could there not be a better control of the flour? or is there any control at all? asks T. Pennacchia.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni points out the importance of reconstituting the "Labour Internationals" to defend Italy's cause in Europe and in the World against incomprehensions which have accumulated during these last ten years. Also to bar the way to the third war - about which reactionary parties speak with criminal lack of conscience - what could be better than uniting in the same "Internationale" the Anglo-American and Russian Labour Organisations? Our Socialist Party has received, during these last days, adhesions from a group of Austrian Socialist in London and Spanish in northern Africa as well as from the Swiss Socialist Party.

2. Bonomi has spoken yesterday about the importance of Italy's renewed diplomatic relations. He said that this first puts an end to Italy's isolation caused specially by the painful armistice terms. Soon all European Capital will have our representatives which will be the ambassadors of Italian tradition of liberty and justice; he ends by approving of the Allies' resolution to allow increasing authority to Italian administration.

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3. Elementary school teachers are very badly paid, why should they be treated worse than State employees or secondary school teacher. And what about their pensions at the end of careers all dedicated to upbringing of children?

ITALIA FUC/4 (Democrat)

1. As diplom. the relations have been resumed, Italy can now contact its numerous citizens living in America. They must help the effort for the reconstruction of the country; and the representatives of Italy will have to make them understand the real conditions of the country, writes Enzo Selvaggi. Abolition of Allied control ought to follow the acknowledgment of Italy's freedom in its relation of a foreign character.

2. What is Bonomi's idea of democracy asks R.L.? What about the currents which are against the Committee for National Liberation? It seems that the President would like interfering in the life of the country. Who must live? Italy, or the Committee?

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2. Article of Giuseppe De Vittorio on the relations between workers and landowners or manufacturers. Landowners and manufacturers have formed the habit of earning too much money; now they won't give the allowance for the high cost of living; they had better be careful for the workers are tired of starving while they live in luxury.

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3. Another article against Roman aristocracy. (Bieffe)
4. The women of the UMI want to vote.
5. There are still fascists in the SRC.
6. Probable increase of bread ration to 250 grams.

GENERAL

1. Articles on Churchill's speech to the House of Commons: Ireland must be free. At the present moment, the chief problem is Poland.
2. Statement of Bonomi: Italy is again acknowledged as a nation.
3. Decisions of the Council of Ministers regarding Sicily: creation of a Council.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2. We shall have to teach children - and remember ourselves - that the first time Nazi-Fascist troops were beaten, it was by Greece, says Valenzani in an article in praise of Greek strength and against Italy's cowardly aggression.

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3. At the Academy of Santa Cecilia there have been equestrian; but what about the Opera and other musical institutions? And why does not the above named Academy issue a program of some kind? So A. Donzaccorsi.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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3. A group of 6,000 Italian soldiers operating in the Aegean sea, did not wait for the declaration of war to Germany, but helped Allied troops. Now they are prisoners in Egypt. Is it right? And is it worthy of England's traditional loyalty?

4. Cannot really the Police do just a little more than it does and try to stop the increase of gangsters and thieves? The situation

in Rome and in Lazio is becoming rather too serious, says M. Vinciguerra.

5. Uncultivated land should be given to the peasants before it is too late in the season to do anything, so C.G.I.L. in a memorandum to Bonomi.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. If the State is to keep its previous form, it must be modified according to the new needs of the country; or else, it must be immediately put aside, and another form of government will have to be established. The present compromises don't solve any problems and only make things worse, writes Roberto Lucifora.

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2. Articles on the decisions taken about Sicily by the Council of Ministers.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. No democracy can exist as long as the privileged classes can starve their employees. Italian reactionaries invoked the law to refuse giving land to the peasants; now they must obey the law and pay the allotment for the high cost of living.

2. The Roman workers want their masses to be reorganized; they ask for the allotment for the high cost of living and for the supplement of food. They have sent the Chamber of Work various proposals of agitation and fight.

3. 9000 workers of the War Department are waiting for their wages of the past months to be paid to them. On December 31st 1943, all those who would not go North were dismissed.

4. The allotment of the workers who have been pensioned off ought to be raised.

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2. British Labour Party sent a message of faith to Italian Socialism and one of encouragement to the Patriots.
3. The Govt, pressed by the C.G.I.I. said yesterday that employers cannot refuse workers the "carovita" subsidy, and that the question of the "mense aziendali" will soon have a solution too. So

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the manifestation which had been arranged for today will not be held.

4. Bonomi has approved suggestion made by C.G.I.L. of immediately handing over to peasants uncultivated land; tomorrow a Govt communique will be issued. Why, asks Avanti, at least in these sad and difficult periods, cannot things be decided more rapidly?

5. Too many high grade State employees.

6. In the more civilised European Countries (as Great Britain, Sweden and Switzerland) says Silone, Communism hardly exists at all; all workers are socialist-democrats. In Italy instead it is still difficult to unite the workers' political idea in only one party, and so the questions becomes also one of foreign policy. English Labour Party is the most representative of whole European Socialism.

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2. A.J. Ellender, member of American Committee for foreign affairs, has declared that Italian patriots are part of Allied Armies.

3. Italia Nuova criticises the time wasted by Govt before allowing peasants to begin work in uncultivated land.

4. Gulio, Minister of Agriculture, has explained the decree on arrangements between land owners and peasants.

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2. Captain X. writes about the corruption of generals and governors of colonies. 5539

3. Unità criticizes Dr. Morelli appointment as a member of the Italian Mission to America. To be Benedetto Croce's doctor is not a sufficient training.

4. Why doesn't Mancolini (Società Romana Costruzioni Meccaniche) provide decent food for his workmen?

GENERAL

1. The general strike that was to take place today has been postponed.

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2. Stettinius' statement; the United Nations are soon going to discuss the organization of peace.

3. Statement of Bonomi: The problem of the indemnity for the high cost of living and that of the uncultivated lands have got to be solved without delay.

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