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3. An agreement has been stipulated on postal tariffs, between the Vatican City and Italy.

MUSOLINI (Influenced Catholic)

1. Federici says that to-morrow the world equilibrium will depend upon two big powers: U.S. and Russia, though he emphasizes that to great Britain goes the merit of having sustained the whole weight of Germany during the first years of the war, and having, so, saved Europe. He does not believe in a third world war, between the Soviets and England, because Russia, as everybody knows, will know that America will always give her aid to Great Britain, which will have the role of eliminating friction between the two powers.

2. Bonomi has been charged by the Lieutenant General to form the new Govt.

3. Ruffini was received this morning by the Prince to whom he related the situation among the services.

4. From this morning's meeting it appears that socialists and communists are against Bonomi, and so is the Action Party, while the Christian Democrats, the Liberals and the Labour Party, are in favour of him.

5. Then came the proposal of designating Indro Montanelli Socialist, Communist and Action party were in favour; Christian Democrats, Liberals and Labour party declared they would be in favour only if Bonomi declined the office.

6. Christian Democrats declared in an order of the day that it would have been better if the parties had not tried to impose Sforza against British will, but they intend to try to accomplish his mission in America, that is has no reason to think that Bonomi had betrayed his duty as chief of the anti-fascist coalition and finally noted that the main objects to be attained by the new Govt. are: reconstruction of the Army, food and shelter for the people, straightening of financial situation, education and prevention of unemployment.

7. Sforza denies his resignation from post of High Commissioner.

8. A new party. A new Democratic Party "has yesterday been constituted", its aims are: freedom, justice, human fraternity, it wants to reconstruct an economic democracy, a democracy of workers, it believes that without economic peace, no lasting political peace will exist.

MEOSAMUNICIZ (Labour Democrat)

1. R. insists on a Govt based on C.I.B., therefore invites the parties to unite again.
2. Democracy has come to its final crisis, after an experimental period. The utmost must exist between the people and the leader, who leads it, and to attain it, good will is necessary on both sides. We must admire, says the leader, the political convictions that the President of U.S. has with the people, and therefore, with all his people who are true to follow the development of important questions. Secrecy is to be abandoned, if true democracy is to reign and popular difference disappear.
3. A new market has been increased by the contents of 4 "newspapers" which a band of a hundred editors opened and edited the other night. These papers contained food for Allied forces.

VOC- REPUBLICANA (Republican) - not available.

MOVING PAPERAFARI (Socialist)

1. Liberal is only have fallen in Zaire and Congo, but every time the people speak, the liberals are stronger, writing in 1961, after having accused them of being conservative and anti-socialist, this is why, he says, we condemn them, as well as London and foreign conservative influences. In P.S., speaking of London being appointed by the Government, and then by the C.I.B., he says this fact shows that democracy is on one side and the Crown on the other. Badoglio found himself in the same situation, he understood and resigned, will follow on the same. We shall know tonight.
2. This morning found bagging his contributions.
3. The English R.I., Thomas, of the Labour Party, has criticized Great Britain's vote against Africa.
4. Success of the campaign proposed by the C.I.B.I. as requested was signed yesterday at Tashkent, between 1 millioners in "Solidarity". By this agreement the Government got more than the 50% they used to get. Detainees of the "Concordia" were.
5. The Communist League and still dwell in their lovely 1947 flats, while refugees live in windowless 2 stories.
6. All exceeds the good. Students have gone on strike to protest against the "too long" hours, 6.30 to 13.30.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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YUGO-SLAVIA (Republics) - not available.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Liberals only have faith in Beretta and Garibaldi; every time the people speak, the liberals are shocked, writes Beretta, after having spoken of being conservative and anti-socialist; this is why, he ends, we condemn them, as well as some and some conservative influences. In a P.S., speaking of Bonomi being appointed by the Yugoslavs, and being by the C.I.L., he says this fact shows that democracy is on one side and the crown on the other. Beretta found himself in the same situation, he understood and resigned; will Bonomi do the same? He shall know to-night.

2. This coming week begins his consultations.

3. The English M.P., Thomas, of the Labour Party, was criticized Great Britain's new Minister.

4. Success of the campaign promoted by the C.I.L. in agreement was signed yesterday at Corfu, between Lindemann and "Beretta". By this agreement the two got more than 500,000 votes to get. Let him of the "uncoordinated" of.

5. The German League and still dwell in their lovely 1930 flats, while refugees live in windowless tracks.

6. All excuses are good. Students have gone on strike to protest against the "too long" hours; 8.30 to 12.30.

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1. Bonomi finds himself at the cross roads. He must either retire or work without - and therefore as just - the C.I.L. The latter alternative seems incredible but we shall see, if we take socialists, communists and action party are resolved not to accept him.

2. Berlinguer explains on radio the sanctions as laid down in article 9 of the law against socialism.

3. Article urging abolition of entry permits for supplies and provisions. An urgent matter, says writer.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The C.I.A. having proved to be unable to lead the country, the new Government couldn't be an expression of the I.I.F. - a military Government was inadmissible for it would have delayed the return of the country to democracy, or worse still, opened the way to a new dictatorship. The liberation of General accepted the only solution left, i.e. that of a Government of national union. It now has to be seen whether economy will be able to produce a program of government which really corresponds to the needs and the expectations of the people. (7.5.)

2. At a time when the country needs unity, the writings of the Action Party are exploiting their lead to promote the interests of their party; they mean to have the monopoly of patriotism and anti-fascism. (Rabour)

3. 'Italia Nuova' complains about the paper allotments during the present crisis, some parties even make their opinions known only through the press. The anti-fascist paper allotment interferes with the freedom of the press. 'Italia Nuova' entirely agrees with the National Federation of the French Press; further reductions in the paper allotment will go to the end of independent newspapers.

4. Ultimatum of the 'Hungarian Movement', to this movement belong the mothers of many prisoners in Germany, war widows, unemployed and employees who have been pensioned off and find the present economic situation unbearable. They ask the Government to increase the bread ration, to give one ration of 'plaster' daily, and a liter of oil a month, to lower the prices of vegetables and fruit.

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2. Statement of Chardonnell on the 'Lead and Lead' program for 1945. In the House of Commons, Chardonnell suggests that if England needs new steel or warlike ships, it should take Trieste and Bergamo, and any other port it might need.

3. Commenting on De Gaulle's visit to Moscow, 'Times' emphasizes its importance for the formation of a bi-continental block against future German attacks.

ALSOCHIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Liberals have issued another order of the day in which they ask respect of law, co-ordination of all forces fighting for the liberation of the country, support to the C.I.N. of the north, rapid and energetic operation, a regional Committee to ensure immediate contact between Govt and people, a financial policy capable of solving the national economic problem, and reconstruction.
2. Constitution of a Committee for repairs to damaged monuments.
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INDEO (Independent)

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2. Things have quieted down in Brussels. It is said that two more Socialist ministers might be included in the Government.
3. The Polish Prime Minister Arciszewski has formed a new Cabinet. The Peasant Party is still refusing to collaborate with the Government.
4. Some German Generals have asked the General Staff to take immediate action to prove to the troops that Hitler is still alive. It seems that Himmler, Martin Bormann and Goebbels are forming a kind of triumvirate, and fighting for another to gain power.
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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Account of the day, as in other newspapers.

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3. What is the reason of scarcity of fish on the Roman market? Simply that fishermen are short of all fishing material.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The present crisis reveals the rebirth - in Rome - of those systems, methods and policies which generated the ruin of the Nation; it is said, writes Corti, to see all the six so called

Democratic parties, ruining the Nation. It is the duty of Republicans to affirm the necessity of resisting the offensives of Roman political intrigues.

2. The aggressor of Toscanini has been arrested in Naples.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Euse, speaking of the English interference in Italian politics, said it was a natural thing, as many Britishers fight and die in Italy; as for Sforza, he was opposed because he would have taken up a policy contrary to the Benoni Govt which has scrupulously fulfilled the armistice clauses. This would be alright, notes Nerui, if Italy were still considered an enemy, as for Sforza, he never opposed Benoni. The truth is, continues Nerui, that British policy in Italy, as well as in France and Greece, has always been based on men and forces which are not really democratic; London should ask itself the reasons of the conflict between Benoni and the C.L.N.

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2. The situation. Bonomi seems to be trying to form a Govt with the coalition parties; this effort and subsequent failure, will be an alibi for him, tomorrow, to form a Govt outside the C.L.N.

3. The "improvised clericalism" of Italia Nuova accuse us of having betrayed our mission in the service of truth and justice. But the other day I.N. served our cause by doubting the authenticity of the message of the C.L.N. of the north, just because this message confirmed the solidarity between our brothers who fight the Nazi-fascists, and ourselves who fight the fascists disguised as Democrats.

4. "Our two nations must agree, if not for love, at least for reason and egoism". So Sforza ended a speech many years ago on Italo-Yugoslav relations. "Now, he said yesterday on the wireless, I repeat the same thing". "No nations, he went on, will ever make up for the way Italy has treated Yugoslavia, but now both people want peace and progress, and so do other nations. If Italians and Yugoslavs can found a really fruitful peace, they will gain an incomparable prestige in the world."

5. "Initiative to women" goes on reporting Calosso; evidently women have listened to him; two young girls were at the head of a band of "assassinatori"; one of them has been arrested, with many of the gang; the other is still free.

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2. The wax stocks having been stolen, the production of candles has to be suspended.

3. New plan announced by the French Minister of National Economy: French economy will be divided into three groups: the first group will be directly managed by the State, the second one will be controlled by the State, and the third one will be left to private initiative.

4. A propos of some articles in 'Avanti!', 'Popolo' points out that the Vatican doesn't need the advice of the Socialist paper, and that its employees are getting the allotment for the high cost of living.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. There was no 'coup d'état' on June 25, except in the one-sided interpretation of some parties for which the unanimous decision of the six parties meant that they took possession of the State and put aside the monarchy. The liberal party refuses to adhere to this interpretation. The acknowledgment of the authority 'in fact' of the six parties didn't imply that the constitutional powers passed to them. The unanimous will of the six parties was supposed to be the will of the majority of the people, nothing more. At present, people are speaking of a 'coup d'état'; this isn't true, for as there is no unanimity, there can be no question of the will of the majority of the people.

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3. Why do not the great enterprises and the great industrialists start rebuilding the houses and industrial plants which have been damaged by war. They can afford to and it would diminish the number of unemployed workers.

GENERAL

1. Interview of Bonomi and De Gasperi who couldn't give a definite answer, for the direction of the Christian Democrat Party seems to favour a Bonomi solution.

Interview of Bonomi with Foglietti, Bonomi, Lussen and the leaders of the Liberal Party. Foglietti, Nenni and Lussa (Action) have advised Bonomi to retire.

Interview of Bonomi with Mr. Kirk and Sir Noel Charies.

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1. BSC announced that a Reuters correspondent from Zurich states that Italian politicians belonging to different parties, exiled in Switzerland, have been asked by Bonomi to come to Rome.

2. Alexander visits the Italian fighting groups.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The Republican party is convinced that an energetic unitarian action of anti-fascism might have managed to a) do away with monarchy, b) to have a temporary anti-fascist Govt for the war, and c) to have a Constituent to decide the definitive form of Govt. Today again the F.R.I. urges the necessity of a concentration of Republican forces against monarchy and reaction.

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3. Reviewing Eden's speech, V.R. remarks that England cannot forget yet that Italy declared war on her.

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6. Bonomi and De Gasperi also met, after which the latter said that the Socialist Party was not going to recede from its position.

7. Washington declared yesterday, that, except in case of important military reasons, the U.S. was going to oppose any foreign intervention in the formation of governments in liberated territories.

8. Avanti approves of the above; otherwise, it says, the Govt might as well be designated by the Allies.

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9. Zimerece waxes ironic on the fact that four kings without throne shortly will meet in Spain; Otto of Hapsburg, The Count of Paris, The Infante Don Juan and Don Duarte Rume.

10. A strike rightly decided. "Postelegrafonici" have decided to go on strike if all or some of the 150 who belonged to the Militia are re-employed.

11. A night patrol was attacked with hand bombs and machine guns.

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2. Message of L. Guardia; the International Conference for Civilian Aviation should decide whether the 'five liberties of the air' should be collected in a code of general conventions.

FOROLO (Christian Democrat)

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The Christian Democrat Party hopes that the attempt of Bonomi will be successful. It is time for the parties to put aside party interest when it doesn't correspond to the interests of the nation.

2. Statement of Stettinius: The reestablishment of diplomatic relations with Italy is intended to facilitate the return to a state

of peace which is the aim of the Italian policy of the United States. Stettinius added that it was yet too soon for the armistice to be concluded.

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3. The Allied Authorities are examining the possibility of raising the bread ration to 300 gr.

BELLINI (Continued)

1. Commenting on Togliatti's speech, Bellini says that 'the open or clandestine activity' of the forces of the reaction weakens the war effort of the country and hinders the fight against fascism; it is not only harming the Democratic forces, but also compromising the future of Italy and its possibilities of redemption.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Pensions to ex-employees of C.N.F.M. (Cassa Nazionale Previdenza Marinara) increased.
2. Price of cigarettes will be doubled within the next few days; could the public know why?
3. About thirty people arrested for the theft of 500 sheep, 150 of which were butchered here in Rome. Bravo, police!

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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the political battle which opposes anti-fascist to conservative forces.

In a P.S. he again asks Bonomi why he goes on insisting. The country will not allow him to go on demolishing C.I.R.

2. Bonomi's second letter states that he cannot charge the C.I.R. to designate a new President in his place, as Socialists seem to wait, because this charge has been given to him; he furthermore says that constitutional power cannot possibly be given to C.I.R. anyhow until the institution question has been solved by the Costituente.

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5. P.A. Marinetti, inventor of futurism, died in Milan.

6. Avanti call Selvaggi's speech a "matinee for aristocrats, or just about"; all were there, counts and barons, old retired generals, the grossi bourgeois through whose sitting rooms passed the Fascist gerarchi and the German generals.

7. "La marcia della fame", they ask for more bread; they have now addressed a request to the C.I.R.

8. On Sunday 2000 Macerese women demonstrated against those who try to hinder the reconstruction work already so difficult.

9. The Provveditore Agli Studi, following students' strike, gives notice that lessons will begin again immediately and that those Istituto Medici in which normal activity has not started again by Wednesday morning, will immediately be turned over, for the present school-year, to elementary schools short of premises.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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5. F. P. Marinotti, inventor of futurism, died in Milan.

6. Aventi calls Salvemini's speech a "manoeuvre for aristocrats, or just about"; all were there, counts and barons, all retired generals, the great bourgeois through whose sitting rooms passed the fascist gerarchi and the German generals.

7. "La Marea Bella Fina", they ask for more bread; they have now addressed a request to the C.I.L.N.

8. On Sunday 2000 Macchese workers demonstrated against those who try to hinder the reconstruction work already so difficult.

9. The Provveditori agli Studi, following students' strike, gives notice that lessons will begin again immediately and that those activists had in which normal activity has not started again by Wednesday morning, will immediately be turned over, for the present school-year, to elementary schools short of premises.

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3. Salvemini's speech delivered in an electric atmosphere, says I.L. "Pascari" shouted repeatedly: was an effective answer to speaker's defence of monarchy.

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4. Ten year old boy caught by P.M.S. selling cigarettes last Sunday was whipped. This is not the way to handle the present juvenile problem. These children need understanding, not whipping.
5. Students should go back to school says I.L. and their parents should see that they do.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commenting on Salvemini's speech, 'Scrutator' says that he proposes a Democratic position corresponding to the needs of the Italian nation. The Monarchy has a heavy responsibility, but in the present situation, a Republican solution would most probably take a non-Democratic form. Since June 6, most individuals, and most parties are haunted by the fear of not seeming 'popular' enough. Scrutator adds that the adversaries of the Democratic party used very fascist methods during Salvemini's speech at the Quirins.
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4. Salvemini looked very handsome in soft gray flannels, with his sparkling black eyes, correct and smiling; but the demonstration that was held in Via dell'Unità, by groups of young men shouting 'Viva Savoia' and others 'Provvedi', and spitting and wrestling, was much more clear than the speech inside the Quirino.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Franzere comments on the arrival of Ciarandini in London (Daily

Telegraph): the Romans are too easily optimistic, they forget there is great resentment against Italy in England, in Italy the various groups and parties seem to think that the Allies have nothing to do but relieve their misery while they quarrel among themselves. In such circumstances, Caradini's task won't be easy.

2. Monforte has interviewed the women of the Gariboldi; they have no intentions of making money; their requests are very moderate. It is to be hoped that they won't be answered by promises only.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The policy proposed by the Communist party is the following: national unity, Democratic action of the Government, comprehension of the situation; this would imply the effort of all concerned to find a way out. Increasing the Democratic action of the Government means giving more importance to the C.I.N. and the great party and mass organizations.

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2. Martial law in Greece; because of serious trouble in Athens, General Scobie has taken the situation in hand.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. No American interference. Benni notes with pleasure the statement of Stettinius; the Americans have no intention of putting pressure on Italians in matters which are strictly of Italian concern.

But indeed do the British, aside from the "veto" against Sforza. Italian democracy is therefore free to choose its own Govt; Bonomi is not being forced on us from outside. Any group which claims the contrary is simply trying to cover up the reactionary tendencies within it - tendencies which are forcing such a group from its original position in the clandestine days. This seems to be the situation in the Liberal party. It may well be true of the Christian Democrats too, though as yet their position is not clear. But to yield to these elements would be to betray the original spirit of the C.I.N. and to create a profound cleavage between Rome and the North.

2. Summary of yesterday's events. Bonomi had numerous conferences, Action party in order of the day asked parties to settle the crisis within the C.I.N. C.D. party had meeting in morning and was instrumental in arranging conference of all party leaders at six last night. Conference lasted two hours and no report of activities was divulged; it seems safe to assume position was unchanged from morning. Liberals and Labour Democrats willing to accept Bonomi, Christian Democrats hesitant, and other parties against him.

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2. C.I.L.N. of Procinone, Arezzo, Salerno and Taranto, have voted orders of the day stating that the new Govt must be the expression of the C.I.L.N.; the Giunta Comunale of Florence expressed the same desire.

3. Florentine section of Christian Democracy voted a motion stating that "the fundamental orientation of the Govt must draw its power from the people and form an entirely Democratic State".

4. Eleven more Senators appointed.

5. Franchero wrote an article for the Daily Telegraph, in which he accuses the Italian people of specifically "Mussolinian" responsibilities, as that of asking for the honour of participating

in the bombing of London; he also accuses Lullin-Liberti of making itself ridiculous; according to him, we should all be as silent as we were under the Duke, but Errazero, having already betrayed Mussolini, will now betray England, or at least those organs of the British Press which now lend themselves to the base denigrations of a traitor.

6. The danger of speeches such as Edes's is that they may create, in public opinion and among popular masses, a sense of mistrust and hostility against Great Britain, which is one of the Nations that fought most valiantly in this war.

7. In the Palace of Justice work is being carried on silently but actively; 200 trials, involving about 700 fascists, are registered so far.

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4. Account of Sicilian C.D. congress at Arcoreale on the 25th and 26th Nov.

5. Discussion of price of bread by Luigi Corradini. No constructive suggestion but on the question of different prices for rich and poor

he makes the point that the line would be difficult to draw nowadays.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. President Roosevelt declared at the UNRRA Congress that food situation is very serious in Poland, where the Germans were slowly starving the population, though not so bad, the situation is bad enough also in Holland and Italy and certain parts of France, Belgium, Yugoslavia and Norway.

2. French Partisans' initials are "F.F.I." Now, after the liberation of Paris, a huge number of new men called themselves Partisans too, the Partisans baptised them "Fifi". General De Gaulle found a name for the innumerable "Fifis", whose number is always increasing?

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3. In the re-establishment of the Italian free syndicates, the leading parts belong to the old workmen who took part in syndical activity before the Fascist regime and remained faithful to their anti-Fascist tendencies. In Italy, the unity of the syndical movement is based on the close collaboration of the three parties linked to the movement of the working classes. Antonini, representative of the American Syndicates, didn't like this and openly tried to undermine

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the Italian Syndical movement, pretending to fight the 'Communist danger'. The Soviet representatives proved to be real partisans of democracy.

GENERAL

1. Statement of Churchill to the House of Commons about the situation in Greece: the nation must be prevented from settling in favour of a monarchy or a republic, a right or left government, as long as it isn't able to do so. Law and order must be reasserted and protected against every attempt to a Communist dictatorship.
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2. Reading a week-old newspaper, containing exactly the same news on the crisis as today's, and sitting on the fountain in front of the Vittorale, a "pessimist" said that 70% of the people whom he sees going in to Bonomi and hoping to become Ministers, are ex-fascists who suddenly discovered, after the 25th of July, that they really were democrats at heart.

3. Why do not industries work at night when there is more electric energy available?

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Fasciandi writes against British interference in Italian policy which, he says, has absolutely nothing to do with war. He then

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notes the difference between British and American attitude towards Italy, and ends by reproaching Bonomi for his assumption of being the only man capable, at the present moment, of forming a Ministry and of pleasing the Allies.

2. Another raid by the police on a gambling house.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Sunday's Labour Party Meeting in London will represent the first step towards rebirth of the "Socialist Workers International", writes Benini. As the period of clandestine fighting is over it is necessary to harmonize in an international plan the various national activities. We stand up for the C.I.N.'s because they are the political expression of the Italy that is fighting; so, to be anti-C.I.N. means to be reactionary and anti-democratic. Avoid they don't yet understand this, so, going to London, I shall try to make the point clear to the British working classes.

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9. Why not allow taxis to try to work as the committee?

ITALIA LIBERA (action)

1. The crisis should have been settled yesterday. The positions of all parties concerned were clear and Bonomi should have made his decision. Responsibility for the long delay and damage to national

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dignity and the prestige of the C.I.B. (hence that of democracy) must be attributed not only to Bonomi but also in great measure to the Christian Democrat party. If this group had taken a firm stand alongside the other parties of the masses (which it also claims to be) Bonomi would have had no illusions and the crisis would have been averted by now.

2. Article on squelcher of Quattrociolo, Roman suburb.

3. Reception, by Commodore Stone of delegation of UDI, as already mentioned in digest of the 3rd inst, under par. 5 of local Republicanism.

4. Letter from 100 teachers, asking that schools, closed by order of Minister of Public Education, be reopened.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Christian Democrat Party has been waiting for the decision of the communists, and has kept contacts with the two extreme parties. The news about De Gasperi's candidature are unfounded; neither De Gasperi nor the other leaders of the parties intend to weaken Bonomi's position.

2. All initiatives requiring a minimum of complex machinery and expensive raw material, and employing a large number of people should be encouraged, writes Giuseppe Foggi. Workmen must be admitted in the directive organs of the State.

3. No food, no water, no electricity in Primavera.
4. Some Italian civilians have no difficulties in finding gasoline to go to the Villa. Gloria rises.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. makes no comment on the stagnating situation of the crisis, except remarking that the whole thing is getting rather too long.

2. 300 grams of bread to everybody, starting on the 15th Dec.
LIBRO (Independent)

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3. The situation in Greece: street-fighting in Athens. The troops of the T.I.A.S. fire at the British troops. London's vote to a Sofoulis (Liberal) Government. - The Communist party of the London district protests against the intervention of the British troops, and asks that the Greek Liberation Movement should be helped.

4. Ben Sturzo's speech: America means to bring the spirit and methods of democracy to the countries which have been laid waste by war. He asks the leaders of the six parties to maintain the coalition till the complete liberation of the country.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

R8/PRS

December 8, 1944.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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RICOSTITUZIONT (Labour Democrat)

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. So-called important events are only such for mediocre minds; for more attentive minds, imperceptible and continuous events count most; Italians did not really pay much attention to the ministerial crisis; what they are worried about is specially food and shelter; if they buy a newspaper every morning, it is to see what rations are going to be distributed. (G.R. Grippa)

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. What finally decided Communists to vote for Bonomi is not

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so much their faith in his policy, as much as the fact that they had given up all hope of persuading the C.I.N. to name another candidate, writes Bonomi. The socialists refuse to join in a govt which owes its investiture to the Prince and not to the C.I.N.; they could certainly not have accepted a vice-presidency, as they had expressed their lack of faith in a Bonomi Govt. All the same, Bonomi goes on, we shall not systematically fight the new Govt, particularly if the communists join in it. We shall criticize it dispassionately; all our energies will be spent in guiding the masses and the Country towards a Govt of public wellbeing.

2. Smuts declared yesterday that after the war is over there should be no peace agreements, but armistices based on reasonable conditions, for a while. To re-establish peace in Europe, he said, the wisdom of a few men will not suffice; let us hope that the exceptionally able men who are at the head of the Allied countries will not endeavour to do too much and to settle and decide those matters which only time can settle. Europe must be saved for the sake of progress and prosperity of the whole world.

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1. Seeing the discontent of the people and the causes of it, our party - writes Italia Libera - asked for a revision of methods and a more energetic attitude of the Govt; the answer to this was that the discontent was due to contrast among parties and to press "polemiche". It goes on accusing Mammì of having betrayed the confidence that the C.I.N. had put in him.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The new Government will be constitutional, but we know neither

its program, nor its composition. The only thing we know is that the official communique doesn't speak of the C.I.N. Will the C.I.N. become a State against the State after being a State in the State? The nation wants a Government which knows how to govern.

2. Debeaur makes quotations from Lenin which are well adapted to the present time; and which he thinks might interest Unita: Till now there has been no thought of serious reforms, but no time has been lost to divide the booty, ministries, jobs, etc.

3. Valio Spino says that democracy must be built; That Selva-aggi that it must be built. Would it be possible for the various parties to come to an agreement? (Lucas)

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3. Vivid account of raid on Tortolona. R.L. seems to show some sympathy for the black market dealers.

TRUPO (Independent)

1. Article on anniversary of Benito Mussolini, first engagement in which reformed Italian units took part.
2. Account of crisis events yesterday. Admiration for Bonomi's patience, tenacity and courage. He had received anonymous letters,

threatening telephone calls. And the tension of the past two weeks must have been hard on a man of his years. Yet he clung to his principles, and won - by thinking of the Country first, says E. Conquest of some of the parties was less admirable, writer adds.

3. Account of rifle on Tor di Siena, very unimpressive to readers.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. In spite of yesterday's statement, the Communist Party will participate in the Government for the following reasons: the socialists might have reconsidered their decision, for Bonomi said that the political basis of the new Government would be the program approved by all the parties of the C.I.N. - among the six parties, there would have been no majority against the candidature of Bonomi; therefore, the crisis remained unresolved; - the socialists made no objections to the participation of the communists to the Government. The Communist party, which has a vanguard position had to participate in the Government.

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December 2, 1944.

Daily Demonst of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Not only flowers were offered to the "Immacolata" today, but also old clothes and toys for the refugees and their children; the "giovani esploratori" were mounting guard, in Piazza di Spagna, and collecting the gifts.

OTHER AFTERNOON PAPERS NOT AVAILABLE.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni believes that without the Press campaign the problem of land reform and of agrarian would not have made one step forward; another weak point of the Fascist Economy Govt was its passiveness before the Allied Control. It became evident that it was necessary to solve the problem of renewal of the State and of autonomy of the Govt; and what other means had we to do this, than the C.L.N. and direct appeal to English and American public opinion? It is no use simply moving the same men to different posts; the general apathy caused by 20 years Fascism must be shaken; and to shake it, what better means than offering to the masses, crushed under the weight of material and moral ruins, a real program capable of firing them with hope and enthusiasm? This is the reason of the Socialist agitation for republic, land reform, and socialization of trusts. Liberals and Christian Democrats were alarmed, and spoke of jacobine clubs and Russian soviets, and began shouting when Roatta was arrested. We asked for authority of C.L.N. and they gave us instead the authority of a still Fascist State. Technically, Nenni goes on, the crisis was due to an effort to prevent agrarian, and politically to an effort to humiliate the C.L.N. We had to react to this old constitutional liberalism; the crisis represents the fight between the Italy of prefects and Fascist generals and the Italy of C.L.N., between those who hide under the protection of the occupation army, and the people; if conservatives had not undermined the anti-Fascist coalition, the crisis would have been solved in favour of the C.L.N.

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1. Nenni believes that without the Press campaign the problem of land reform and of expropriation would not have made one step forward; another weak point of the first Bonomi Govt was its passivity before the Allied Control. It became evident that it was necessary to solve the problem of removal of the State and of autonomy of the Govt; and what other means had we to do this, than the C.I.N. and direct appeal to English and American public opinion? It is no use simply moving the same men to different posts; the general apathy caused by 20 years Fascism must be shaken; and to shake it, what better means than offering to the masses, crushed under the weight of material and moral ruins, a real program capable of firing them with hope and enthusiasm? This is the reason of the Socialist agitation for republic, land reform, and socialization of trusts, liberals and Christian Democrats were alarmed, and spoke of Jacobine clubs and Russian Soviets, and began shouting when Roatta was arrested. We asked for authority of C.I.N. and they gave us instead the authority of a still Fascist State. Technically, Nenni goes on, the crisis was due to an effort to prevent expropriation, and politically to an effort to humiliate the C.I.N. We had to regret to this old constitutional liberalism; the crisis represents the fight between the Italy of prefects and Fascist generals and the Italy of C.I.N., between those who ride under the protection of the occupation army, and the people; if conservatives had not undermined the anti-Fascist coalition, the crisis would have been solved in favour of the C.I.N. As it is, difficulties have been avoided, not solved.

2. The Action party has made a declaration in which, after explaining the reasons for not joining in the present Govt, it confirms that it will remain within the C.I.N. so as to provide the criticising and constructive opposition, which the Country needs.

3. Bonomi received Solari yesterday morning, at home; later, at the Vittoriale, Togliatti, De Gasperi, Nenni, Develotto, went to see

him, and then Aldisio. One more liberal was received in the afternoon, Croce.

4. Commodore Stone spent half an hour with Benoni in the afternoon; and then the representatives of the four parties arrived and stayed for three hours, from 6 till 9.

5. It is rumored that the two vice-presidencies will be given to Togliatti and De Gasperi. Long and involved discussions for the assignment of the various ministries.

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3. The cakes which remained unsold on Nov. 15th were to be

blocked by the Sopral and distributed to the children of the refugees; however, these cakes seem to have disappeared. Italia Nuova suggests that the employees of the Sopral eat them.

PERCLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Commenting on the problem of reconstruction, P.C. suggests that the State should help private initiative, and reorganize the fiscal system so as to be able to face the huge task of reconstruction.
2. Diogenes protests against the display of expensive foodstuffs or articles to be eaten in shop windows. Why excite the population the majority of which cannot afford to pay these prices?

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of the common program. The Communist Party expresses the hope that the Socialists and the Action Party will remain for only a short time out of the Government.

2. The C.C.I.L. will present a memorandum to the Italian Government; this memorandum will set forth the claims of the workers and pensioned off employees.
3. Responsibility of those (newspaper or political movements) who support claims that cannot be pressed, such as the 300 gr. a day bread ration.
4. The Russo-Rumanian relations have improved, states Vishinsky.

General

1. The names of the ministers of the new Government are not yet known. However, it is supposed that De Gasperi will be Minister of Foreign Affairs, while Togliatti might be put at the head of a new Ministry for Relief to Repatriated Prisoners, 'Sindacati', and Displaced Persons'. Bonomi would remain Minister of the Interior. It seems that there will be no Ministers without portfolio.

2. Churchill's speech: speaking about the situation in Greece, the Premier gives a definition of democracy: All parties are necessary to form a democracy, the parties of the left or even the Communists alone are not sufficient to do so. A party which is always following the most extreme forms of revolution isn't a Democratic party. Less democratic than anyone else are the Greek 'gangs' who are now trying to establish a totalitarian regime. The nations must be able to choose their own Government in an atmosphere of tranquility. Democracy must be based on law.

The British Government hasn't put its vote to Stefan's nomination.

It only said it didn't trust him and wouldn't be in the least trust a Government of which he would be a dominant member. When Badoglio fell, a victim of the manoeuvres of Salazar, a self appointed Government headed by Bonomi took power. England is now trying to support this new Government. The 'new contentions' of the six parties have brought about the fall of Bonomi.

3. Situation in Greece: the persistence of the revolts goes on. The Government has forbidden civilians to carry arms.

4. A large number of shops and restaurants were looted during yesterday's demonstration of the Hunger Party.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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December 10, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2. The crisis, solved in the industry, is not solved in the country, writes Voce Repubblicana, as there are now divergencies among the parties.
3. Churchill will not recognize that this war is also a great revolution, writes Vespertino; he always considered the present war in terms of "omero" and "science of indigenes"; he never understood that the reasons why it moved so deeply the popular masses is

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that they feel it is an ideological war, the dawn of a new civilisation. "Guerrilla" can be carried on because it enjoys the universal solidarity of the populations of country and village. Churchill understood, of course, - goes on Pederick - that the regular long-range units would profit by this clandestine action, though he calls "bandits" the partisans who come down from the mountains to fight those governments incapable of eliminating the forces against which these "bandits" fought as soldiers. But Churchill will realize one day that he will be a stranger in a world, to create which, he has so largely contributed.

MORNING PAPERS

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Italia Libera, referring to Churchill's speech, finds that to use Sforza's understandable desire to return home after twenty years' exile, to induce him to a settled political action, is not very democratic behaviour; he could not, before, know the real

Italian situation. But what the action party mostly resents is that the Allies have linked such an eminent anti-fascist personality as Ispirato's, with Badoglio; was this an act of friendship towards Badoglio, or a preordained political design? If monarchy and Badoglio and Roatta are necessary for the future stability of this poor Italy, then why humiliate us -- as Bion has done -- by reproaching us with the errors we committed in the past? One policy, that is alright, but two contradictory ones, that is too much.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Now that the war has destroyed everything, there should be harmony between the classes instead of class struggle. This harmony would help to establish a new social and economic organization by which men should be freed from need and become independent. (Vincenzo Inci).

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3. In occasion of the "Immacolata", 80,000 lire were offered the other day for refugees.

LIBERO (Independent)

1. The Vatican recognizes de Gaulle's Govt.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Nobody expects that the Government will perform a miracle, but the people expect that some action will be taken to solve the most important problems of the present moment, partisan formations must be acknowledged, the army must be organized, the black market fought by organizing a controlled market. The country has got to be democratized. (V.3.)
2. Memorandum of the C.C.I.I. to the Government asking an increase of the bread ration, the payment of a thirteenth month's salary; the salaries should be periodically raised to remain in proportion with the cost of living. The Government should fight the high cost of living, i.e. black market.
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Churchill tries to prove that the United States have a definite responsibility for the policy that Churchill has been defending before the House of Commons.

5. Franco hasn't resigned. serious political crisis in Spain.

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2. A resume of what America has done and is still doing, with British collaboration, for Italy, is given. More wheat, sugar, milk, dried vegetables, fats, will be sent over to Italy very soon in large

quantities. There is also the proposal of sending two plants producing 60,000 kilowatts of electric energy; furthermore Italian women will soon go to America to be instructed in the use of "energita elettrica fluctuante". From all this it appears that U.S. and Great Britain are taking important steps towards the economical rebuilding of Italy.

MORNING PAPERS

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1. By accepting participation in the Govt, the Socialist Party would have glossed over a failure of democracy, while its presence outside the Govt underlines the real terms of the problem, placing it before the conscience of the country; we must also realize, writes Saragat, that the existence of a great Socialist Party which will assemble all working forces, is the surest guarantee of the development of the country towards political freedom and social justice. It is said that the main problem, today, is not a political but a technical one; but we have seen already what happens by giving people roads and bridges but no freedom, as Mussolini had done; the duty of the Socialist party is clear; it must strengthen solidarity among classes, avoiding especially two errors; the first one of seeing in the different positions of the Socialist and Communist parties, an astute "accordo giuoco", and the second to believe that the post of unity has suffered from the crisis.

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Colonnotti, Rocchinetti, Pacini, Concetto Marchesi, and the son of Orlando.

3. Govt to be sworn in today, using oath formula of June. Undersecretaries to be officially named at first Cabinet Meeting this afternoon. The list is prepared and the delay does not mean there are party differences; it is caused by Bonomi's desire to do things in the proper constitutional way.

4. Pathetic story of illegal travel in Army areas. So many Italians are anxious to get back to their families. Allied Officials do not understand this urge, many journeys are undertaken without "permessi" in constant fear of M.F.S. At least the Allies do not kill people as the Germans would.

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The Communist party has agreed to participate in the Government because otherwise the three left parties, or may be all the C.I.N. parties would have been excluded from the Government.

The agreement between the Communists and Socialists didn't work as it should have for reasons which have nothing whatever to do with the will of either party. It is therefore necessary to reinforce the unity of the working classes. It is also very important that the Socialists and Communists should come to an agreement with the Christian Democrats.

2. The law is no more the law when it prevents the landowners from 'skinning the peasants alive' says Spitta ironically.

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the major responsibility for the unsatisfactory solution of the crisis. As for the Socialists they intend to continue in alert expectation, never overlooking a chance of defending the interests of the working classes.

2. Freedom of the Press. For a month the Italia ("Good Sister") Nuova has been protesting that its supply of paper is inadequate. That is even more true of us, says Avanti, and we don't have an illegal channel of supply as Italia Nuova seems to have judged by the fact that their paper is of a different quality from that officially distributed.

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10. Violent protest against the bachelors tax, the "most fascist of taxes" which the Allies, nevertheless, seem to want to enforce.

11. Representatives of C.I.N. and C.I.L. were not welcomed at meeting of employees of the Banca del Lavoro on Sunday morning. An absurd situation, says Avanti.

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1. The most inefficient points of the previous Ministry given

as one of the reasons for the new "imprudent", remain unchanged. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is perhaps today the most delicate section of Italian policy; we hope that De Gasperi - whose execution we don't doubt - will be able to destroy without loss of time, these lines of bureaucratic nationalism - shamefully anti-national - which continue to menace the freedom and dignity of Italy.

2. Executive Committee of Action Party addresses a letter to the outgoing Ministers, explaining the constructive and calm opposition that the Action party will take towards the new Govt, for the good of the country.

3. Patterson, American Undersecretary for War, speaks in Paris; he said that no world peace organization will be successful unless it is backed by the military forces of the Nations which form it.

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5. In his interview with 'Unità', Foglietti defines the program of the Government before the President and the other Vice President

said anything. He states that the forces of the C.I.N. are the only political forces in Italy. However, Bonomi has explained in a letter which was made public that he couldn't admit the principle that the C.I.N. was the only representative of the anti-fascist forces.

Loggitti says that the solution of the crisis must be considered as a victory of the C.I.N. The C.I.N. want to transform the Government into an executive committee. Bonomi, the liberals and the Democrats say the crisis has been solved in opposition to this program. The Action Party and the Socialists are of the same mind; (Bonomi admits the defect of the C.I.N. and speaks of a scission between Communists and Socialists). Who is right says Scrutator?

C. When 'Avanti' attacks the Holy See for giving hospitality to political refugees, it forgets that Bonomi was very glad to find a refugee in the Lateran while the Germans were in Rome. (P.L.)

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2. There is only one real political power; that which comes from the will of the people, freely manifested within the secrecy of the ballot-box; if the Cabinet does not govern well, writes Luigi Vincaudi, the legal weapon is the "veto di sfiducia" which forces the President to accept a new designation decided by parliamentary majority.

3. Three Generals apologized for having offered no resistance to Germans, after the armistice.

4. Shortly the new so called "Spacci Popolari" will distribute, at moderate prices, non rationed food to the poorer classes.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Though quite realizing that the whole of Italy is not liberated yet, Mario Nigro suggests that reconstruction work while begins in the south.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Definition of the 'obscure forces of the reaction': they are composed of the big landowners, the big capitalists, the big financiers, the old reactionary classes for whom personal or group interest comes before the interest of the country. (V-liv Spine)

2. Hundreds of the landowners. The peasants must insist on the law being enforced.

3. Interview with Marchetti: Fascist hostility of many Italians who live in Switzerland. To become a communist is all very well, but some crimes can be neither forgotten nor forgiven; for instance those who fought against the Spanish revolution.

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War: Gabriele Orsini	lit.
Treasury: Secchi Salvatore	d.c.
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Daily Digest of Rome Press.AFTERNOON PAPERSOSSERVATORE ROMANO - M.M.QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The hour of scepticism. The younger generation particularly, having seen the failure of Fascist rhetoric and being therefore rather bewildered, is now easily convinced of a fundamental incapacity of the Italians, and hides its anger under a mask of cynicism. And foreigners are always ready to tell us that we are "la terra dei morti", and even to praise us for playing well our part of decedents. But this hour of scepticism is only a pause in the continuation of time; the Italian people will soon find their equilibrium again. (U. Calogero)

2. Reami enthusiastically greeted by the Labour Party Congress, in London. A sense of European solidarity strengthened by so many common sacrifices, reigns among the thousand delegates, representing

all classes of workers; the aim of the meeting is to formulate the attitude of the Labour Party, in matters of Interior and Foreign Policy.

3. Deasimilli and Del Bello trial to start this morning at 9; it will probably last about a week.

4. Forte Rocca, where "collaborazionisti" of the Royal Army are lodged, has become a very comfortable "pensione de famiglia", where the guests can - and do - give orders to the waiters (baruch, the guards) and enjoy heating and good food, and can receive visitors whenever they like.

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5. Comment on new Ministers taking office; this will be an extensive ministry in the matter of office rent, expenditure for personnel, etc.

6. Complaint that matches have not been issued this month. Meanwhile they can be bought at 30 lire a box. Italia Nuova hints at wilder play in distribution of ration.

3.

POZZOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. It has been said by Reuter's correspondent that an agreement between Paris and Moscow would have prevented Germany's plans of aggression. This agreement existed, but it didn't work. Will the 'triangle' cancel the boundary lines between the zones of influence in Europe? What are the relations between the new French policy and the interests and rights of Poland for the defense of which the western powers went to war? What is Italy's situation with regard to the triangle? (Guido Gonella)

2. Statement of the Swiss Minister of Foreign Affairs: he comments on Russia's refusal to resume diplomatic relations with Switzerland. Because of her neutrality, Switzerland has been able to protect the interests of more than thirty nations. He expressed the wish that Italy may take the place she is entitled to among the great powers.

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2. 'Tempo' interviews James Cooper of the 'Daily Express' who has been shocked by the display made in some shopwindows when so many people are starving. In Italy the chief problems are now industry and transportation. (Gian Carlo Dotz)

4.

3. How is it that Zone IV, like the area between Tiscosa Canyon, Piazza Risorgimento and Monte Mario, always receives foodstuffs after the other zones. Why are there preferential zones?

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Communist policy is a policy of principles rather than of Communists are definitely republican; nevertheless, will the Constituent Assembly meet, they have pledged themselves not to raise the institutional questions, their duty is to maintain and reinforce national unity. Nowadays, on Italy's political stage, there is a great new force: the working class party. The Communist party is not only a propaganda organization; it is a great political force.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2.

3. What a difference between the Croce who wrote marvellous pages during the last war, and the rhetorical Croce of today who condemns the whole German people without even mentioning the tens of thousands German anti-Nazi workers who have been shot or imprisoned by the Gestapo. (Sabatino)

4. During the night, near Cinisello, the passengers of a truck, manage to repulse, after a lively fight, a gang of bandits which had assaulted them.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The Treaty of Versailles was but an armistice between two wars; the victorious powers faced the European problems in a nationalistic spirit. The first mistake was the intervention in Russia; the great popular revolution shouldn't have been opposed. At the same time, support was given to the reactionary forces in Germany, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Austria, etc. Today, if Europe doesn't turn democratic, there is no hope of salvation for Italy.

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2. Brazilian Minister of Air, arriving yesterday in Rome, said: "We shall welcome all those Italians who wish to work in Brazil".

3. Why has no Sicilian been called into the Govt? asks Vibi. Has Bonomi not understood yet that Sicily is going through the most serious period of its history, and that on Sicily depends the unity of the whole of Italy?

4. Incredible but... true! It seems that a minimum amount of food will soon be distributed.

5. Doctors, engineers and lawyers to have double electricity ration.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Interview with Stefano Jolivi, who explain the activity of the Christian Democrats who had taken refuge in Switzerland.

2. Who is speculating in wine asks Popolo? the owners of the restaurants, or the wholesale merchants?

3. The chemists are speculating in medicines.

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2. The Government must beware of the great industrial whose representatives work for the Germans in North Italy, and who are now studying the best way to resume relations with France.

3. Another attack of Unita' against the Scialoja brothers.

4. Unita' starts an inquiry about the enterprises which are being managed by commissioners. The Government should issue a decree regularizing the functions of the Commissioners. The credits that

These surprises have been blocked because of the inquiries which are being made on UNL with profits.

GENERAL

1. Statements from London and Washington: The British and American Ambassadors have maintained constant contact during the Italian crisis. Both Governments have expressed their satisfaction at the representative character of the new Italian Government.

2. Chamberlain's statement: He approved of the monarchic regime being left in Italy 'till the military situation had improved'. In future, the Italian people will have to make its own decision.

There has been no sign that the Dominions disapproved of the action that Great Britain has been obliged to take, stated Chamberlain.

3. Smuts' speech: about the situation in Greece: The British Army is an army of occupation. Its duty is to maintain order.

4. Fighting goes on in Athens. It seems that the VHS Radio has made peace proposals asking for the cessation of hostilities, the formation of a Democratic Government, the punishment of traitors, and the execution of all public officers.

5. Catania incidents: Isolationism started because of the drift proclamation; the mob burns several buildings and the riot spread through the whole city. The troops fired; one student was killed in the attempt to storm the military District. The left newspapers are of the opinion that the troops shouldn't have fired.

6. Various articles on the Del Vento-ventimila trial which began yesterday.

7. Commodore Stone becomes Rear Admiral.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - R.M.

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2. Pertinelli and Del Turco said yesterday that Umberto di Savoia was quite aware of the military situation in Rome. Neither P. nor Del T. can deny that their duty was to resist to the Germans; but they hide behind the general and uncertain quality of the orders received; we despise them, writes A.C. when they try to share responsibilities with these inferior to them in command, and even with the troops.

3. Subalpino answers Quotidiano's criticism of Saragat using the word "overations" in speaking of the reception given to Nenni in London.

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saying that "ovation" is not a fascist word but an old Roman one.

4. It may seem, writes Massimo Salvadori, that the C.G.I.L. and other similar organizations forward too many requests to the Govt; it is so only because, in spite of their continuous requests, the living conditions of all workers are still far too bad.

5. Some functionaries have been discharged from the Foreign Office, not by the separation commission, but following pre-war - and therefore pre-separation - bureaucratic routine; is this the right way of doing things? asks Domenico Griselli.

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2. Comment on Catania. One thing, says Scrutator, stands out clearly; in Catania a group of artists is attacked in barracks. The next - talk of separation, for example - is all camouflage. Scrutator wonders why Unita added to the official communiqué the comment, found in no other paper, that the demonstrators cried "viva il fascio". He also finds the Govt Communiqué "whining" in tone. It is true, he concludes, that the Govt has failed to face the Sicilian problem with decision and courage.

3. Approving comment by Renato Sarzano on Croce's article on Germany in which he urged the Italians to turn their attention to great political problems, not wasting their energy on petty partisan squabbles. Sarzano points out the need of European unity and is bound to confess he sees few signs of it.

4. Comment on second day of Imbriani-Del Tosto trial. The importance of memo 44 which the State Maggiore is now unable to produce, is great, says I.N. It would also be useful if there were some military representatives among the judges.... follows detailed account of trial.

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2. The new Secretary of the Liberal Party is Leone Cattani, anti-fascist since his student's days, arrested as such in 1928; after his liberation he participated actively in anti-fascist clandestine movements.

UNITO (Independent)

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rendered more trouble by the fact that in other parts of Italy Allied troops provide a certain number of people with work and food. We hope it is so, comments Tempo; that Italy, though poor, will do her best to help the island; but the Catania disorders have broken out just at the time of recruiting.

2. A meeting of American and British representatives to be held soon in Washington; Italian economic situation will be discussed.

3. The "mercantile generalist" systems must be reformed, to obtain lower prices and to reduce black markets.

4. Allied Military Police stopped a truck containing 30 hundredweight of salt; the driver escaped.

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2. Fighting goes on in Athens; British Ambassador and Mr. MacMillan have had interviews with Papandreu, several Greek statesmen, and the Metropolitan Bishop of Athens, Damaskinos. It seems that the Communists have offered to lay down their arms on three conditions: armistice, resignation of Papandreu, creation of a regency council.
3. Catania is being patrolled; the prefect has taken action to maintain order. - Commenting on the Catania incidents, the press says these troubles have been caused by the Separatists and the Fascists; besides the population is starving, and doesn't want the war to leave again to go to the army.
4. Various articles on the Del Tettio-Pertinella trial.

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Italian Republicans, writes Pacciardi, will be always proud to have found an ally in such a man as Toscanini.

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the three "unofficial Italian ambassadors" in England, says Calosco, but the most recent in a long line going back to St. Augustine, and including such names as Mazzini. For the real England is not the England of "gentlemen", but something more sincere and real; this England has always understood and sympathized with the people - as against the Govt - of other countries.

2. Avanti continues its debate with Italia nuova over paper. States that both journals have illicit supplies of news print.

3. Account of third day of Pontinelli-Del Ferro trial. Avanti says that trial is confirming the "inaptitude, ignorance and timidity" of the two Generals. Del F. says that he was carrying out the will of Badoglio - whose turn will come, says Avanti, when the surrender of Rome is investigated.

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3. Florence University entirely operated.

4. Sewing and darning yards should really be cheaper, the more so because we all must do so much mending to keep our old clothes together.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. One of the main causes of the precariousness of the Peace of Versailles was the fact that people and territories were divided and handed over without taking into consideration the requirements of the territories and the aspirations of the people. If the Polish question is not solved, there will be no peace in Europe. It is obvious that the Polish nation must be consulted before any decision is taken about its territory. Still now, it was believed that the agreement between the great powers constituted a guarantee, not only for a lasting peace, but also for an equitable settlement of the aspirations of the people who are conscious of the need to fulfill the duties corresponding to their rights. But according to Churchill's words, it seems that this agreement depends on the changing equilibrium between the power of the British Government in London and that of the Polish Committee of Liberation. There should be no more talk of strategic frontier, which imply war and not peace. (L'Espresso 3-1-1944)

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POPOLIO (Christian Democrat)

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2. Five years ago, there were 17,550,000 Jews, writes Diogenes. Now, only 11,000,000 are left; this is a case of German cruelty.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberals)

1. At the end of this war, beaten once more, will not Germany find again, in the frightful war fought by Hitlerism, an epic reason to exult in the glory of having destroyed Europe and shed the blood of millions of men, women and children? So Orsini ending his comment on a book by Salomon, "The Forgotten", which shows the stronger rebirth of Germany after 1921.

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2. A.I. condemns the demonstrations made by the Sicilian students, as protest against reconciliation; their conduct is to be blamed, especially now that in northern Italy all students are fighting the Demis-Fascists.

3. American Red Cross teams to have hot eyes on the Balcones Venezia; this palace is a national monument containing many valuable treasures. We hope the Americans have not forgotten that General Brown, only two months ago, said that there was a great difference between military "necessity" and "convenience", and here convenience would not be satisfied.

TRUPO (Independent)

1. Filippo Scilla, after having stated that Tempo had so far made no comment on the Greek situation, declares the rather absurd fact that British soldiers should find themselves obliged to use their arms, intended to fight the Germans, against people just "liberated".

ITALIA' (Communist)

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ITALIA

1. The United States offers to act as mediator between Poland and Russia. 'Times' denies the fact that Russia aims to take Polish territory; it was to be expected that Russia would try to recover what had been taken from her during a period of military weakness.

2. Statement of Steinbohm: the Government of the United States works in agreement with the Government of Great Britain on all political questions concerning Italy.

3. New incidents all over Sicily. The Prefect of Catania has been dismissed.

4. Fighting goes on in Athens; General Scobie demands that the troops of the E.L.A.S. should turn in their weapons, as a preliminary condition for an armistice.

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3. New instructions all over Sicily. The Prefect of Catania has been dismissed.

4. Fighting goes on in Athens; General Scobie demands that the troops of the T.L.S. should turn in their weapons, as a preliminary condition for an armistice.

5. Articles on the Del Totto Pontinelli trial.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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happen impulsively, on the spur of the moment. Anyhow nothing has been obtained; the bread ration has not been increased; shops are still full of wonderful things which only rich people can buy; and the poor have to "tighten their belts".

4. Can the Govt really do nothing to protect those many people who have to be out of doors after dark?

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AVANTI (Socialist)

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. We entirely agree with the Govt when it announces that Italy's first duty, towards the Allies and towards herself, is to increase the war effort, writes Italia Libera; but technically the problem is more complicated; what soldier will want to obey the orders of an ex-fascist officer who suddenly, after the 25th of July, discovered he really had always had an anti-fascist soul?

2. Ugo La Malfa disapproves of Croce's idea that after losing this war, Germany will prepare for a third one; that would mean forgetting the great power immediately west of her; but Russia and the Anglo-saxon nations have the duty of integrating Germany in the complex plan of tomorrow's Europe, therefore German democracy is not merely an interior problem, but an international one.

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3. Action must be taken to supply Rome with foodstuffs, but the problem cannot be solved by creating new institutions; the situation is difficult, for everything is lacking, besides, the requirements of the various Allied Governments must be taken in consideration.

DISORGANICO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Tassinari writes on "planning" which has been such a fashionable

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word recently. Actually, he says, "planning" is not new and we must guard against thinking there is a special magic in plans. The Anglo-Saxons are right in refusing, as they do instinctively, to commit themselves too far and too deeply, but in choosing instead to work out practical details as they call for solution. He adds that in the field of reconstruction "planning" will be impossible if ideological considerations are put first; let the planners think as technicians and harmony can be achieved.

2. Trial of Generalle. According to General Arisio, a warning to be on guard against German was circulated after the Prince's message on Aug. the 5th (see Arisio) but it is quite possible that, through bureaucratic inefficiency, some units may have received the documents in the wrong order. Arisio's testimony indicated that the two generals on trial had shown lack of initiative.

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2. Statement of intentions on the Polish question. The Government of the United States thinks that the questions of frontiers must be put aside till the end of the hostilities. It will guarantee no special frontier whatever; it wants to create an organization for safety. The policy of the United States is to help the countries which have been liberated to repair the damage that has been done, and later create their own unity to give their inhabitants a safer and more prosperous life. This applies to Poland as well as to other nations.

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VOCEREPUBLICANA (Republican)

1. C. Zaccarini, speaking the other day at the Galleria, said that the Republican question is not only political but also economic and social; it is absurd to try to keep money alive at all costs, for it is used in the hands of all Italians. Monarchy, in itself, implies privilege, discussions, and Fascism maintained in its essential basis, it is the conservation of those laws and systems

which have dominated our past; anyone the Soviet hierarchy has never been a liberal one; on the contrary, it imposes on Italy a Napoleonic dictatorship based on bureaucracy; the parties which formed the parliament had never really any power. Churchill, he went on, is doubtlessly a wonderful administrator, and an untiring fighter, but he is a very bad judge of internal politics of other nations. The orator then said that the Govt had forgotten that its first duty should have been that of freeing Italy from her Nazi, without this freedom, he was speaking about reconstruction. He then went into more technical details suggesting abolition of certain offices and changes of others, and undertaking of solutions to the economic problem.

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4. Message of Costello U.S. Congress Military Affairs Committee man. Impressed by zeal and industry of Italians in reconstruction. Points out that Allies must still send all their efforts towards winning the war, though of course they will do all they can for Italy.

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5. Party of the sinister Communist in order of the day expresses intention of collaborating more closely with leftist parties - especially the Socialist.

6. Article against monopolism or notes - it favors black market profiteers, according to A.

7. At Periodic the local "Morphing Intellectuals and well known Fascist" has been appointed president.

8. Story of wretched life of Italian prisoners in Greece, told by a recently arrived survivor. Bad treatment by Germans and Greeks, and two weeks detention in "cage" on arrival in Italy.

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2. Apropos of 'Three World's' message published in Italia Libera, I should think that to call Stefan the 'Symbol of the Democratic cause in all the world' is a little too euphuistic. He remembers the time when Stefan resigned because he didn't enter 'all the hearts' of Mussolini to whom he wished 'a long and happy life'.

3. Statement of Hoare about the situation on Spain though Spain was not militarily occupied during the first years of the war, she was morally so. The danger of another military aggression must be definitively eliminated, if European civilization is to be saved.

4. Action is being taken to rehabilitate Italian Mercant Marine.

5. Italian Gov. came for a fair distribution of goods to the various newspapers.

6. New misdeeds of England which discovered it would take too long to take the Christian's 'who could' learn from Spain, it then spotted some cattle near Peru, but the British issued a decree forbidding exportation.

FORO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Allied Commission and the Italian Government have come to an agreement about the plans for the rehabilitation of Italian economy.

2. Comments on the 'White Book' (No. 6527); England's post war program and employment policy.

DISORDERS IN LITHUANIA (Internal)

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2. Another appeal in favour of "unionist".

FRANC (Independent)

1. Article by Benito Mussolini urging firmer attitude by Govt on Sicilian question.

2. Council meeting today to discuss Sicily and Sardinia. Yesterday Benoni received a telegram from the Federation Committee of Catania.

3. Resignation of Generalissimo of Catania.

6. New misdeeds of secretariat which ascribed to World Bank long to take the Christian's 'solidarity' from them; it has accepted some cattle meat products, but the Congress House, secured forbidding exportation.

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UNITA' (Communist)

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APPENDIX PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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Spavaro, undersecretary of the Presidency, was named secretary of the Council of Ministers.

3. Roosevelt declared that the Atlantic Charter has never been signed; but the United Nations have signed the Washington declaration containing the principles stated in the A.C.

4. Cresse Bianchi says it is useless to give too much freedom to those who import food into Rome because half the staff that gets imported disappears before reaching the "mercantini vicinali", into the greedy hands of black market dealers.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Salute to Cardinus who, ceasing to be just a voice - a voice which gave hope and joy during long months - is going to become a man.

2. The Ministry of Treasure has decided to pay those debts - to private institutions - which do not amount to more than 200,000 lire, and part-payments on larger ones.

Part-payments of war damages also authorized.

VOCI REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Pacciardi discusses Matthews' comments on Imppo. He finds them more to the point than some dispatches of M. to the Times - for example the one in which he showed a certain lack of understanding of the mob which lynched Carvotta. His observations on the Italian Press - too polemical in tone and short of news - are sound, he thinks, but he reminds M. that it is hard to get news these days. He is grateful for M.'s compliments to V.A. If it is sold on the black market, it certainly is proof that the paper allowance is inadequate. P. thinks that the Govt is unfair... He agrees with M. that a policy of "winning the war" at all costs has lost to the Allies the great wealth of gratitude that the Italians had in the initial stages; he shares M.'s hope that the coming of MacMillan, a civilian, may help to make the Allies aware of civilian needs. Emigration should have been swift and clean, M. thinks and P. agrees, but points out that the Allies have made every effort to impede it... Donciuce noting with pleasure M.'s statement that Italians are not hated in America, as a Republican, inheritor of the Jefferson-Lincoln tradition, P. feels that America and Italy have much in common.

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5. Senator Del Bufalo and son absolved of charge of aiding Germans.

WORKING PAPERS

V.R.TA (Socialist)

1. Nenni, in his first article since his return from London,

expresses his admiration for the strict sense of duty which governs the life of the whole of England; everybody is subordinate to war discipline, works for war and, because of war, is loyal to all regulations; food is plentiful and moderately cheap, no black market, fires in the streets and hot water in the bath rooms. So it is from this point of view that England considers the agitations in liberated countries; she believes that all problems not strictly military should be put off till after the war; but this means forgetting political, social and moral needs, points out N. We have tried to show our London friends that British foreign policy is not equal to the situation, and that the necessity of a fight which will destroy for ever reactionary forces - in Italy and other liberated countries - is quite as great as war necessities are.

2. In the afternoon the Council of Ministers expressed its approval of a) a decree which entitles the Alto Commissariato per l'alimentazione to deal in all food matters and especially to facilitate supplies to poorer classes; b) a decree on flags and houses for refugees; c) a draft of a decree on distribution of blankets to the "roof-less"; d) a decree on old age and sick pensions; e) provisions to facilitate weddings between Americans and Italians.

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2. Message of praise by Bonomi to patriots of Val d'Aosta summarized.

3. More on paper. Italia Nuova admits it was favored by the paper "commission which dictatorially holds the keys of public opinion" (in a decision made yesterday) but what it is really concerned with is not quantity but equity.

4. Article by Scrutator. Thesis being that C.I.N. is not democratic. Marxist parties are certainly not.

5. A debt of honour. There are rumors of last minute obstacles to concession of relief to prisoners. This is intolerable; these people must be taken care of.

6. Plea for clothing and bedding for shelterless inhabitants of devastated regions. The writer has heard account of pitiful condition from Col. F.S. Andrews and has been impressed by the documented statistics, the factual tone in the story of this "old soldier".

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8. Rabbit hunting. I.N. does not publish a list of people injured by cars. It would be too lengthy. "Very day from San Giacomo's hospital alone there is a list of 15 people run over by Allied cars. This should not go on."

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. "With the C.L.N. we intended to create a consultative

institution - though a small one - representing the Parliament we have not got, to which we will periodically expose the work we have done." These words written by Croce and undersigned by the representatives of the six parties, appeared in the program of the first coalition Govt. in April 1945. Only yesterday did the Govt. evidently remember this (see Quotidiano para 2, b). This assembly, writes Renilio Gentile, may be formed by election or by appointment by the Govt. It makes no difference as long as its members are chosen in all zones and even among opposition, so that they may really represent the "Voice of the Country", and help the Govt. in many problems, among which the forming of the Costituente.

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TRAPCO (Independent)

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3. The employers should get a 15th month's salary, and those who have been pensioned off 1000 Lire in anticipation. The people who have a fixed salary are at present worse off than anybody else. The employers are attempting to avoid taking any decision of a general character which might bring relief to their employees.

4. Article of Lombardo Radice against fascist profiteers.

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GENERAL

1. The Council of Ministers. The regulations for Sicily and Sardinia are the beginning of a great experience in regional autonomy. Separatism is opposed to the interests and ideals of the nation. Communal elections will take place in spring.
2. Churchill has been asked whether there is a complete collaboration and agreement between the United Nations and Russia about the policy of the British Government in Greece. - The Prime Minister answers that the trick of coping with Greece was the lot of Great Britain. The way of fulfilling this task gave rise to many criticisms, but the three great Powers entirely agree about the general aims which cement their alliance, and they have to collaborate closely at the present important phase of the conflict.
3. Ultimatum of General Scobie. If the T.A.M. does not stop firing by tomorrow morning, all the means at the disposal of the British force will be used against Athens.
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5. The Pontificalis-Del Vetto will.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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VOCAL REPUBLICANA (Republican) - Not available.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni writes at length on the attitude of the "British man

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in the street", on the Greek crisis. The situation, he feels, is not unlike Italy's, with few exceptions the VHS now supported by London was pro fascist and pro German during the long days of the underground struggle for liberation. In Italy too nothing could contribute more to the demoralization of our people than to observe that it is always the same group that is on the top, whether they are working with the fascists or the Germans or the British. From this demoralization revolt was born in Greece; in Italy the "people have been psychologically detached" from the Allied cause.

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1. While Allied Armies are fighting strenuous battles on all the fronts, do we help them as much as we should? asks Emilio Lussu. The Northern Italy partisans certainly do, but what about the liberated territories? The whole system adopted here to form the few units which do fight, is wrong; too much bureaucracy and not enough democracy. Casati does what he can, but he is surrounded by a "generalune" which hinders his every movement. Recruiting too, L. goes on, must be carried out differently; those who are now under arms, have mostly been called up 6 or 7 years ago. And what about all the "giovinastri" who spend their days in cafes or cinemas, smoking cigarettes?

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2. Italian patriots who, several months ago, escaped from the Val d'Aosta into France, and are now camped in Grenoble, ask to be allowed to fight. It seems that American authorities have already provided them with the necessary equipment. We hope the French, says I.L., will not turn a deaf ear to this desire of our compatriots.

3. Radio speech by Candeloro on defascistisation and democratisation of schools, given in full.

4. Another article against F.N.A.C. and its sound programs; if these programs, writes I.B., will be carried through, then all services will become much worse, if they are not then things will go on more or less badly - as they do now - and F.N.A.C. will continue to be paracritical nonsense.

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8. 15,000 eggs have been blocked in the various provinces near Rome. No wonder the capital is starving.

TOPOLD (Christian Democrat)

1. The present happenings in Belgium prove that it was necessary to establish a socialist instead of that, the forces of the resistance opposed the Government which wanted to get rid of useless and undisciplined activity. (Guido Bonella)

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2. Speech of Aldisio in Palermo: irresponsible attempts are trying to complicate the very serious situation of Sicily at a time when everybody should unite.

3. Fascist syndical organizations are being liquidated.

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GRUPPO (Independent)

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2. MacMillan and Alexander discussed the Italian situation.

3. Orlando spoke, in Palermo, about the still existing difference between Sicily's and other regions' economical conditions.

4. It seems that Ministerial personnel will be kept in service till the age of 70.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The present events on the Western front must make everyone realize that all energies must be dedicated to the fight against Germany. The Allies must allow the Italian people to fight, with greater force and in greater numbers against the Germans.
2. Interview with Deadi on his return from England: the Labourists are not satisfied with Italian policy which they consider from the point of view of war. They condemn Germany and make little difference between the nation and the government.
3. Why does no one attempt to find out who were the agents of the OVRA?
4. Speech of the Undersecretary of State for Merchant Marine in Palermo: the Sicilian working classes and students have always understood what the interests of the nation were. They must not listen to the small group of separatist traitors.
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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AMTRUCON PAPERS

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2. We quite realize, writes O.L. commenting on the agreement between Unions and owners on an extraordinary indemnity to workers, that what has been decided is only a drop of water (though it amounts to several billions) and that the situation, for many workers, will worsen every day; every day that passes puts them face to face with the terrible dilemma: either to go on working honestly, and almost starve, or to abandon their work and become black market dealers.

3. Franco Lombardi writing on the urgent and undeniable necessity of school reform says that the question is also an economic one: how can a teacher give all his mind to his duty if he knows that the salary he is paid will not carry him through the month; and what about all those candidates who, after having successfully passed several competitions have to wait as long as five or six years before being appointed to a post? And are competitions handled scrupulously? Are the best people really chosen? A great courage is needed to face this reform which concerns not only the Ministry of Public Education but the entire present society.

4. The A.C.C.I. (Associazione Culturale Cinematografica Italiana) will begin its demonstrations on Sunday by showing a film on Abraham Lincoln.

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4. Story of Partisan organization in Val d'Aoste (Piedmont).

5. Article on transport by l.b. Discusses various problems which, as regards, the creation of TAG has left unresolved.

6. Protest against indelicate remark made by prosecutor to Cornelia Panzi. Public Ministers should be gentlemen as well as honest men.

7. Large scale raid on Lormarano last night; 200 arrests. This because of violence against Carabinieri on 17th. No political angle, says writer.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. At present, the transfer of the economic management of the various private enterprises to the State would mean a complete change of the economic system. At present it would mean preparing the ground for other instruments of monopoly and privilege, the burden of which would fall on the community; besides, it would mean destroying personal initiative. (Vincenzo Luci)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - Niente di nuovo.

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2. Commenting on the conclusion of the Generals' trial, L.D. says: Very well, but what about all the others who are responsible?

3. In yesterday's Avanti Menzi said that the Greek situation was not unlike Italy's, where a feeling of "psychological cleavage" of the people from the Allies" was beginning to appear. R.L. is violently against this affirmation and says that "the cause of the Allies is our cause, the cause of freedom, the cause of the universal fight against Fascism".

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4. Bonomi received the Commission of the Institute Luce; financial problems of Italian cinema were discussed.

ITALY (Independent)

1. Article of Crivello who disapproves of the verdicts of the Delitto-Fentimilli trial: why should the two Generals who have not done their duty be less severely punished than Corradini and his whose chief account was not mortal.
2. It is normal that after 20 years of fascist discipline and centralization, the provinces should want more autonomy, writes Il Contributore. But delegation of power does not mean renunciation.

UNITA' (Communist)

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3. U.D.I. asks the right of vote for women.
4. The Polish Regular and Socialist Parties ask that the Polish Committee for National Liberation be turned into a temporary Government. The President of their Committee has died and that Poland gave up every imperialist claim on the territories inhabited by Ukrainians, White Russians and Lithuanians. The agrarian reform should take place immediately.

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3. Statute of Neuchâtel: the Atlantic Charter means a step forward towards a better world.

4. Fighting goes on in Athens.

5. Del Boca and Pettit 121 have been condemned to 20 years imprisonment.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

RSB/PBS

December 24, 1944.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.AFTERNOON PAPERSGESERVATORE ROMANO

1. Provisions are under study to allow a speedier delivery of the U.S.R.A.A. relief to Italy.

2. American press commenting on the decisions taken in the last Council of Ministers, says that Sicily must not be considered a secondary problem. For Italy, as it has been till now; the American Govt will not recognize or help any Sicilian group or party which may be contrary to the Italian Govt.

3. Rumanian Legation in Rome, on occasion of its renewed activities, made a declaration stating that both Italians and Rumanians have similar economic, social and political problems to solve; contacts between the two Nations will therefore be fruitful and useful.

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4. Ivo Cocaia does not approve of the comparison made by Tempo, between the trial of Ventimilli and Dal Negro and the latter one.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Conti writes against the verdict of the Pantimilli and Del Tette trial. What is the use of condemning these two Generals who were only "servi" of those who are really responsible? Prison to the two Generals and promises of retribution to the King and the Prince. When will all this hypocrisy end?

2. Cold in London. Curatini, says V.F., is treated very coldly in London. While Churchill stated that the prestige of Winston Churchill is rising again. British conservatives evidently want Italy to pay in two ways: by retaining major monetary and by remaining unarmed.

3. One more article on urgency of thorough operation.
(F. Buonaiuti)

4. Small landowners cannot cultivate their fields; lack of seeds, lack of anti-fungal products, lack of communications and the delinquency which makes the country-side unsafe, hinder their good intentions.

5. Cannot the electric companies provide just a little more energy, so as to have some light on the stairs?

WORKING PARTS

ATTACH (Specialist)

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c) On unemployment the Council said that the money put at disposal of reconstruction will probably permit giving work to a sufficient number. To prevent further unemployment due to repatriation of prisoners and labourers from abroad, the Minister of Public Works has been charged to work out an emergency program.

d) The Food High Commissioner has been asked to keep in mind the demands advanced by the C.G.I.L.)

e) All State employees, in Rome and other large cities, have been granted a special "gratification".

f) The Council recognized the necessity of adopting special provisions to give pensioners; draft of decree approved; meanwhile, from the 1st of January, part-gratification will be given.

Next meeting on the 30th.

2. Debuti writes once more on the causes of the ministerial crisis, and explains the reasons of the Socialist opposition to the Govt. in

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d) The Good High Commissioner has been asked to keep in mind the demands advanced by the C.G.I.L.

e) All State employees, in Rome and other large cities, have been granted a special "gratification".

f) The Council recognized the necessity of adopting special provisions to help prisoners; draft of decree approved; meanwhile, from the 1st of January, part-payments will be given.

Next meeting on the 30th.

2. Mani writes once more on the causes of the Ministerial crisis, and explains the reasons of the Socialist opposition to the Govt, in favour of the C.G.I.L. This opposition, though, will not forget that war is still continuing; in Milan, he adds, we shall probably see the Christian Democracy turn to the left, under the "push" of the peasant masses of the Val Padana and the Veneto.

3. Subalpino, recalling the liturgic symbol of the donkey in the "Preseppe", says that Italians are too serious to "fanciuilleggere", as "our Victorians know so well how to; they always become children at Christmas".

4. Christian Democracy is a new name for an old party, which has called itself Catholic, Christian, Popular; though now it tends to classify itself as leftist, it really is a conservative party which should like to be liberal, says Corrado Vivanti.

5. The E.D.I. Committee has approved an order of the day asking for women to be included in the election lists.

6. After the last war the crisis broke out with peace, with great difficulty, had been established; this time it has occurred before; it is absurd to believe that the whole world will accept government by a restricted number of powers. Russia has already affirmed its political autonomy; discontent in other countries shows this same desire. We all need a word of good sense, says Zimardes, after such an orgy of irrationalism.

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4. Words of welcome to the "Cristiana Socialista" who have joined the Italian Democratic Party.

5. Remarks of cigarettes to be increased.

6. Thieves, last night, tried to steal the document from the Zoo.

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FOROIO (Christian Democrat)

1. Mass has not been celebrated by 1.30pm in Saint Peter's, since the year 800 when Carlo Magno was crowned emperor of Rome at night.

RISORBITAMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Article by Vincenzo on liberalism in relation to economic and income-tax questions.

LIBERO (Independent)

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2. Text of speech by the Pope to the children of the Pontificia Università Gregoriana.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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2. Text of the Radio Message by the Pope to the whole world.

3. Carandini has arrived in Rome.

4. Through the U.S.D.S.I. American Relief for Italy has distributed - in Valmontone, Appino and Pontecorvo - the first shipments of clothing and food, to 30,000 children; representatives of the American Embassy at the Vatican, of the Italian Red Cross and of the Italian Public Health, were present.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - Not available.

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attaining socialism in the field of economics by suppressing political
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2. Complaint from editor of the Periodico Socialista (Comunist) 5087
is forwarded to Minister of Justice. The editor says that for a
little plain speaking he has been threatened with imprisonment -
where is freedom of the press?

3. Stron means business. Confiscation of Renault works
announced. Nothing like this has yet happened in Italy though such
action is long overdue, thinks LAVORI.

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4. Workers employed by allies should be given some benefits voted for other workers, says A.

5. Complaint that Ghigliari, naval officer attacked in A., is threatening vindictive action against his subordinates. The Naval Ministry should discipline this man.

6. Third Italian film since liberation is now being made. Technical equipment is not impressive, but the writer feels hopeful about the industry.

7. Christian parties for the needy are laudable and even the royal household is to be admired for its gesture of hospitality. But distributing pictures of the little princes is hardly good taste. Avanti wishes the "little darlings" the best of fortune far from the throne - but thinks it unadvisable to make these "electoral agents".

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2. In Italia Libera, General Azzari says that the old oath sworn by the army should be abolished; by a new oath, the soldiers would pledge themselves to defend the country, under orders of the Chief of the State, whoever he may be. - Italian Navy definitely disagrees with Gen. Azzari; the institutional question must be solved by the Italian people; on this question there is an agreement of troops; the oath is actually sworn to the Chief of the State. - General Azzari is a high ranking officer, at present in service, and commanding

the Lazio-Umbria-Abruzzi Region. His article calls in question his own oath, so that people are now inclined to ask: when does he obey or is he feeling inclined to obey? It is the first time in Italy that a general takes an open stand in a political question, proposing a regulation with a revolutionary character. If this fact passes unobserved, it will not be possible to deny the same right to other officers.

3. Before wondering whether the Government will finally dissociate separation from party interest.

4. Private initiative only can improve the transport situation. It is quite useless to create new organs which will only make everything worse.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Italian women should have the right to vote. They deserve it and are politically mature.

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2. Hungary has been Germany's most staunch ally, and did not deserve the help or the counter-battery of the United Nations. In spite of this, the Soviet Union has given Hungary the possibility to redeem itself. Therefore Italy too can count on help and support.

3. The workers who depend on the State have not been as lucky as those who depend on private enterprise. In many cases, the allotment for the high cost of living has not yet been paid. (Giuseppe Di Vittorio)

4. Article against Carlo Mazzeo director of the Piombino prison.

GENERAL

1. Situation in Greece: the Archbishop Demetrios has provided over the conference which was held on December 20th. It was said that British participation would be limited to a speech. For the discussions were to be a purely Greek matter.

2. French proposals for a new anglo-french treaty.

3. American help to Italy: relief is brought to the most devastated areas.

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3. Arturo Bianchini says that the Agro Romano should be more exploited, at least as pasture land, so as to stop the increasing diminishing of live stock, specially sheep.

4. S.T.F.R.A.L. should make its communications on distribution of rations more clear.

MORNING P.P.-RSAVANTI (Socialist)

1. The Azzi scandal. General Azzi, one of the few who fought vigorously against the Germans, had expressed the opinion that the army should be called the Terzito Nazionale instead of Regio and that the higher ranks should be epurated. Immediately he was put on inactive service. Perhaps this was inevitable, says Avanti, but it is scandalous that such a man should be removed when so many generals whose record is far different are still in office.

2. Protest against 8th column leaflets, attacking Communists and Socialists, being circulated among partisans.

3. Press conference of Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza. After stating that relations with France were now good and that the war effort was the prime concern of the Govt, the chief of the Ufficio Stampa said that far internal affairs the main concern of the Govt was epuration, elimination and reconstruction. "There will be changes in the control organs of epuration" he added. Sforza wishes to resign and so may be succeeded by a magistrate. The essential mechanism of epuration will be retained - with some improvements to expedite it... Administrative elections cannot be held until late spring and as for the Consultative Assembly, plans for it are now being studied.

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7. Dispatch from Florence; the usual phenomenon is appearing there; the people live in misery and a few rich are enjoying themselves, and attracting allied officers to their circle. These people were in most cases fascists and pro-Germans. A list of names is being prepared and it is hoped this will have some effect.

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9. First installment of supplies from American Relief for Italy have arrived.

III. LIBERA (Action)

1. Referring to yesterday's comments in Italian Navy and

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POPOLO, on the Nazi case, we should like, says I.L. to answer them, specially the Popolo, whose democratic sincerity we doubt, as these papers deserve, but we shall not do it until all the details of the case are made clear. When in June the C.L.I. parties decided to adopt an oath so as to guarantee their political and moral independence from the monarchy, they did it to give a concrete content to the "patto di bronzo".

2. A letter on the tragic situation of Italian soldiers in Germany.

3. Article by Stefano on conditions of Italian war prisoners in Korea, points out the fact that these prisoners are all contributing to the war effort and that 90 per cent of them signed a declaration stating their will to contribute to the final destruction of Germany.

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5. Article against the Nazi.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Pope defends the moral and spiritual interests of the people writes Guido Gonella. It is necessary to be on the look out for the dangers of a false democracy, otherwise, the people will be turned into a 'mass' again.

2. Chamberlain went to Munich with an umbrella, Churchill has gone to Athens with a stick and clearly explained to the Greeks that the British are there, in agreement with Stalin, Roosevelt and the Greeks themselves, and have no intention of leaving them.

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1. The Pope defends the moral and material interests of the people writes Guido Gonella. It is necessary to be on the look out for the dangers of a false democracy, otherwise, the people will be turned into a 'mass' again.

2. Chamberlain went to Munich with an umbrella; Churchill has gone to Athens with a stick and clearly explained to the Greeks that the British are there, in agreement with Stalin, Roosevelt and the Greeks themselves, and have no intention of leaving till Greece is again in a normal state.

DISORGANIZATO LAVORO (Liberal)

1. Another article by Vicenti stressing the complicated definition of income taxes and the difficulty of ascertaining them; tax payers themselves, even if they did want to declare the truth are not very often able to do it, as they do not know how they stand. Old lists of tax payers are of no use; poor keepers or even, who used to be poor, may now be very rich (black market dealing)

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and the other way round. It is not an easy question to solve, ends Vinatelli.

2. Proposals to be submitted to the next Council of Ministers on the increase of pensions, have been drawn up by competent institutions; proposals are made to increase pensions by a third, from the first of January, and to double the high cost of living indemnity.

3. Another appeal to obtain 40,000 blankets for the Abruzzo sinistrati who are literally dying of cold, sleeping on bare floors in roofless and windowless houses.

WWIPO (Independent)

1. News from Radio New York of interview given by Bonomi to the N.Y. Times. B. told Times' correspondent that all his ministers were francophiles and that De Gasperi considered reconciliation with France his first objective.

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GENERAL

1. The Athens Conference. Vlas's proposals are supposed to be the following: formation of a new cabinet; half the members of the new government should be representatives of E.L.S.; punishment of all the collaborators; appointment of all government services, including the police; dissolving of the Greek national guard; in February, plebiscite about the institutional question, at the beginning of 1945, general elections.

Statement of Churchill: Great Britain intervened in Greece

in agreement with Roosevelt and Stalin, in conformity with the invitation made in Caserta by the representatives of all Greek parties. Great Britain does not want anything from Greece, and hopes to hasten the establishment of a strong Government. Meanwhile, the armistice conditions of General Scobie must be accepted.

2. Mussolini explains to the foreign press the program of the Government: The Government has gladly resumed diplomatic relations with Belgium and reactivated them with Rumania. It hopes to be soon able to resume diplomatic relations with France, with whom there are still some problems to be solved. - The Government is bent on increasing the war effort; the chief problems are epuration, food, and reconstruction.

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29 December 1944.

Daily Digest of Home Press.

ANTI-NUCLEAR PLANTS

ESSENTIALS FOR AFRICA

1. Germans have destroyed or taken away great part of our artistic patrimony; but there is another enemy which, too, has a great power of destruction: time and weather. Something must be done, writes C.R., to save what still can be saved.

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RICOSTITUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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2. On the Azzi case R. says that, during war time, generals should not waste time in discussions; it is not a question of arguing whether the article was right or not; it is a matter of discipline; as long as there is an army, as long as this army has to fight, we cannot admit public discussions.

3. Modigliani, writes Maria S. Cabrini, has spoken rightly, only, by putting women's vote and divorce on the same basis, he has harmed the cause of suffrage. Women are now accustomed to work, they enjoy almost the same freedom as men; why, then, should they not also vote? This conquest would represent for women the crowning of all the other moral, economic and social conquests.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. V.K. approves unconditionally of Azzi's article on I.L. Why should the army belong, morally, to the King? Ricciardi continues with an attack against Edoardo. No minister, in this period of transition, is legally obliged to give oath to the King; so why should the Generals? Azzi's gesture is praiseworthy, but because of it he has been suspended. We are happy to realize, ends R. that even in the army there is a strong desire for morality

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and there are men of honor who are ready to renounce their career for the supreme needs of the nation. I warmly wish the patriots, but the people will defend them.

2. Approval of Seraghi's article in R. in which the writer proclaims the indivisibility of the political problem of socioeconomic reconstruction from the social problem.

3. Unity, autonomy, decentralization, federalism, separatism, levifundia, "mafia", banditism; too many words, too many problems, but the real Sicilian spirit has not been understood, the real Sicilian problem has not been tackled (let alone solved) writes Francesco Modica. Sicilians are grateful to the Republican Party which seems to be the only one to have realized the Republican tendency of the Italian's separatist movement, "Sicily for the Sicilians", let this fact be accomplished, not by decree but by the free will of the people.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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3. Twelve Horn Bombers captured.

4. Why, asks Monti, can we not give a greater contribution to the war effort, especially now that Germans seem to have passed to a strong attack also in Italy? We don't see any way of salvation for the Italian people, unless the allies show their confidence in them and adopt a Democratic front sticks to a courageous policy.

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6. Referring to Soleri's relation on financial situation and answering some references to it by other newspapers, Avanti says that it is high time to stop small scales of postponement and to begin serious work, it is not for love of the people who tighten their belts, it is for charity towards our country.

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7. The I-PI should keep in mind that in this period of shortage and sometimes even of lack of transportation, the telephone could solve many questions and save a lot of very precious time in many instances.

ITALIA LIBERA (action)

1. The fact that General Land has been put on inactive list should please Il Popolo and the Demo-Christians. 48 hours have

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been sufficient, as the Avanti said, to hit and dismiss a Democratic general, to punish an act of courage, while six months have not been long enough to punish all those guilty. And the Govt considers the episode closed. When the first Bonomi Govt was created, there was a feeling of faith among the people; but what has that Govt done? Nothing. And so the situation gets worse, and scepticism and indifference spread; the episode of General Azzi, the one of Lt Giovanni Sforza who was condemned to ten years for having refused to give oath, and many others, become the links of a lengthening chain which will end by destroying democracy.

2. Letter by General Azzi defending himself against the accusation brought against him, namely of having played active politics, of having tried to violate the "truce pact" by proposing a modified oath, and of having doubted the moral value of his own oath. He explains that he has always been convinced of the necessity of abstention from policy in the Army, and has therefore interfered when groups of soldiers gathered together to sing "bandiera rossa", and proposed to the Ministry of War the abolition of the prayer read at the end of the troops' Mass in which the safety and health of the Royal Family was invoked. As for the modification of the oath it was meant to coolen the denunciation "Royal Army" and the "Marecial Reale" which he considered manifestations of monarchic propaganda. As for doubting his own oath, he believes that 10 years of honest military service and his work during the events caused by the justice, should speak for him.

3. I.L. then examines the reactions and comments appeared in the various newspapers after the publication of Azzi's first article on the 24th.

4. Cui prodest? asks I.L. referring to the change in the High Commissariat for Repuration.

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8. Inhabitants of Itri would like to erect a monument to the famous bandit "Fra Diavolo" of whom they are very proud. Happily they cannot do it because all available material must be used to repair war damages; we hope, says the writer, that this desire will

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not find imitators elsewhere; in so many villages and small towns there are now famous bandits.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commenting on Roeschini's statement, Roberto Lucifero says that Bonomi remains silent, while the others compromise themselves, their parties, their Government and even the country. Roeschini's statement is very vague and deals with all Government matters, without saying anything, except in the end: it announces the administrative elections, without saying according to which criterion they will be made; advisory Commissions will also be created, but no particulars are given about the way they will be constituted.

2. The C.I.N. Parties adopted a formula for the oath; this formula meant to guarantee their political and moral independence towards the monarchy, and meant to give a content to the truce agreement. If the C.I.N. meant this formula to be accepted by the army, they would have said so. 'Italia Libera' is not logical when it says: 'we asked about General Azzi's functions and were told he was commanding the Legion, Umbria and Abruzzi regions. We published the article'.

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1. Mario Ferrera writes violently on the business with which people seem to forget that war still goes on not only in Europe but also in Italy, and civil war is ready to burst out, that people die of cold and starvation, that houses are destroyed, that hunger mingles even the large towns; who, he asks, remembers that such cities as Turin, Milan, Genoa, still exist and that the people there suffer under the iron heel of the German S.S. ? We must fight

with time (six Italian new divisions are soon going to join the front-line). Can it be that that some young men, when called up, refuse to answer and hide as no not to fight? It is high time our Govt had a war policy and the people lived a life of work, as everyone has done, for five years now, in England. Only so will Italians be able to fight, and, moreover, win, only so shall we be able to save Italy for the future generations.

2. Lawyers have not much work at present; naturally, because slackness in all kinds of business deprives them of their clients. But at least justice, writes G. Gramsci, could be accelerated. Now even people who would apply to justice do not do it because of its well-known slowness.

3. Senator Truman has sent a message to the Italian people in which he said that the year which is about to begin, will be Italy's decisive year during which her rebirth will begin. Italy's pass-word, during fascism, was "destruction"; now it will be "reconstruction". We Americans hope, he ended, that with peace Italy will occupy the place she deserves among the European Nations.

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TERZO (Independent)

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2. Terzo approves of General Leali's initiative, but thinks it should have been otherwise expressed.

3. Terzo publishes a letter it has received, showing how doctors only cure the patients who can pay high prices.

QUARTA (Communist)

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3. The free Hungarian Government declared intention of fighting Germans.

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GENERAL

1. The situation in Greece: Statement of Churchill; the British troops will not leave Greece till they have the guarantee that a loyal government will be constituted, a government which will not make its adversary pay for all that happened in the past.

The Athens conference was suspended; the conditions of the Athens conference have not been discussed.

The Greek question will be discussed at a meeting between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

2. On January 1st, France will become one of the United Nations.

3. An agreement between London and Paris might be concluded in the first days of 1945. Italy would give up the privileges enjoyed by the Italians in Tunisia. Benoni declared that an agreement between France and Italy is necessary, not only for Italy, but also for Europe.

4. De Gasperi's speech: the Foreign Office must resume its old traditions. To help to rebuild the country.

5. Message of the Vice-President of the United States: the United States trust in Italy's efforts towards reconstruction.

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December 30, 1944.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

ANTI-ROCK NEWS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - N.Y.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. General Luigi Chetani, named Undersecretary of War, specially known in Italy and abroad for his studies on limitations of armament and on military problems.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Virgilio Bassi writes at length on the Sicilian situation and on how the separatist movement began when the Allies first landed on the island. The Govt's said fault, he says, was in not taking this movement seriously. He then goes rapidly through the island's history as far back as 1600 and ends by asking that autonomy be granted to Sicily.

2. RSI has decided that its next distribution of clothing and food will take place in 1945.

3. Those who sub-let flats or rooms really ask exaggerated prices; this speculation ought to be stopped.

VOC E REPUBBLICA (Republican)

1. The Allies had expected to find, after the fall of Mussolini, a nation prepared to fight Fascism, and to so rehabilitate herself. What they have found instead we all know. What has been done in the field of operations? Now, Pacciardi asks, we should like to know who discharged Azzi; not the Govt. evincently, as Communists did not seem to know anything about it. There must be, above the Govt, a direct wire between the "Stato Maggiore" and the Imogoten-his; and in this closed citadel sequestration cannot enter, or rather, there is sequestration, but it is done the other way round. Republicans, Action Party, Socialists and Communists are for Azzi; Socialists and Clericals are against him and for Pacciardi. Today just as they were yesterday. The Nation in war must have at its disposal, not at the disposal of the Prince, a respected, clean, honorable army. Then, Pacciardi believes, there will be no deserters and volunteers.

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VOCI POPOLARI (Republicans)

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2. E. writes on the anti-monarchic feeling of all the Italian people; they realize that Italy's destruction is due to monarchy and its survivors, and they are not moved anyone by the word "concordia" which has been so much misused during the second half of the last century.

3. Would it not be high time to abolish the Fascist decrees by which all persons have to report to the Police what goes on daily in the houses they are in charge of?

MORNING PAPER

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Administrative elections and women suffrage will represent one step forward in the rebirth of the Country; the former will give a serious basis to the administration of Communes and Provinces and will be very important for the future of Italian Democracy, writes Saragat; these elections would be more successful by the immediate concession to women of the right to vote; it seems that only the liberals are still hesitant about giving their approval. The entering into public life of that half of the Nation which has always been excluded from it, sanctions that equality before the State which is the basis of every democracy.

2. Roatta had been charged by Mussolini, in 1936, to work out plans for kidnapping the King.

3. Price of newspapers, starting January the first, will go up to two lire, notwithstanding opposition from Avanti and Lotta.

4. Avanti says that the Azzi case cannot be dismissed without first explaining clearly why this scandalous measure has been taken, while so many generals responsible for the ruin of the Nation are still in service.

5. Italian anti-fascists who, for long years now, have been imprisoned in Spanish concentration camps and treated by the Falangists as they would be by the German SS, will never understand why the present "democratic" Italian Govt has not yet taken any steps to help them.

6. The C.S.I.L., having already obtained satisfaction on some of its requests, hopes that others too will be granted, especially extra bread for heavy workers and fight against the black market.

7. France: trial against Henry Darnand, who wrote in L'Espresso, is over; he will be shot as Sauter has been already. Other people too have been rapidly tried and condemned to death. And in Italy?

8. Subalpine, referring to the unsuccessful attempt made against Churchill's life, says that nobody will ever forget that England had to sustain, at first, the whole weight of war, Churchill, he says, must be admired, and the Italians must regret we have no man like him; unless, he goes on, Azzi could become

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3. Trice of newspapers, starting January the first, will go up to two lire, notwithstanding opposition from Avanti and Unità.

4. Avanti says that the Azzi case cannot be dismissed without first explaining clearly why these sensational measures have been taken, while so many generals responsible for the ruin of the nation are still in service.

5. Italian anti-fascists who, for long years now, have been imprisoned in Spanish concentration camps and treated by the fascists as they would be by the German SS, will never understand why the present "democratisation" Italian Govt has not yet taken any steps to help them.

6. The C.2.I.L., having already obtained satisfaction on some of its requests, hopes that others too will be granted; especially extra bread for heavy workers and fight against the black market.

7. France's trial against Henry Darnaud, who wrote in L'Espresso, is over; he will be shot as Darnaud has been already. Other people too have been rapidly tried and condemned to death. And in Italy?

8. Subalpino, referring to the unsuccessful attempt made against Churchill's life, says that nobody will ever forget that England had to sustain, at first, the whole weight of war, Churchill, he says, must be admired; and we Italians must regret we have not met him; and now, he goes on, Azzi could become C.'s man, why not send him on a mission to London so that the British Premier may know him and appreciate him?

9. Allied Military Police recaptured eight gangsters who had escaped on Christmas day.

10. The suburbs of Rome are full of "sinistrati"; these people must be put in a position to live again, not merely to vegetate, writes Romolfo Sabatini.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. What of the Alto Commissariato for Eruption? Cianca writes at length and with great concern for the future of operation. The fact that Sforza has resigned, indicating that heavy cooperation from the new Govt is not to be expected, is an indication of the situation. If he is replaced by a magistrate such an action will be in itself a repudiation of the very purpose for which the Commissariato was set up. For in essence it is a political and not a bureaucratic function, and was recognized as such even by Badoglio. It is true that operation had not gone very fast for Sforza was constantly checked and impeded, but to place the operation now on a routine bureaucratic level would be a great step backward. And it must be remembered that if the necessary house-cleaning cannot be directed through legal channels, "insurrectional measures" are the only alternative.

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6. The "Trieste Ariandali" must be allowed to function. There has been difficulty getting new permits. This must not continue, and, further, the "Morse" must be assured of supplies.

7. I.L. would like the law to release more details of the fascist provocateurs who were arrested while putting up posters a few days ago.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Valiani comments on Roosevelt's economic creed which acknowledges the obvious fact that the future of the working man

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and of the former is based on the possibility of existence of private initiative. Those who support the left ideologies attack the egoism of the rich classes. Are they sure that everybody, including the members of the said classes, would turn altruistic enough to work without profit for the Communists if private initiative was suppressed and if they couldn't benefit by their work?

2. General Azzi attempted to violate the truce agreement, says Italo Luova. On October 19th, he proposed the suppression of the prayer for the King; he did not propose the modification of the oath. He could have done so and resigned if his action had not been followed.

3. According to Scoccimarro and his collaborators the technical work of some high functionaries has become 'active participation in the political life of Fascism'. They do not take into consideration that many laws and regulations were only 'fascist' because they were issued under the Fascist regime. The same thing happens nowadays: a few laws are democratic in spite of the usual dictatorial tendencies.

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1. R.L. examines the German offensive in Belgium.

2. Brosio spoke on the wireless last night reminding Italians of the necessity of war discipline. And gave the example of England, which, for five years now, has been always under the strictest total war discipline. He declared himself convinced that if Italians will seriously offer their soldiers, the Allies will provide the arms; the Govt. of course, will have to emphasize the people's effort in the eyes of the Allies. If we all do our duty, he ended, Northern Italy will recognize that we have taken part in her liberation and will greet us with enthusiasm.

3. The Commission's stamp has issued an Order of the day about the freedom of press, expressing the hope that the Italian press will evaluate events with the sense of responsibility required by the war situation.

4. Article by Bruno Romani on the sudden interruption in the building industry caused by war, on the destruction due to bombing and shelling and on the enormous economic difficulties which will have to be faced in repairing or rebuilding the 2,000,000 rooms destroyed.

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GERMANY

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2. Statistius, Vice and perhaps Minister will come soon to discuss the Greek question.

3. The Italian Government is ready to negotiate with France a new treaty based on the democratic tenets of the two countries.

4. Meeting of the Council of Ministers: It will discuss the increase of the pensions paid by the State, organization of the Ministry for occupied Italy, and of the High Commissioner for the 'product' (men coming back home), contribution of the State for the reconstruction of the buildings which have been damaged by the war.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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2. The new Apostolic Nuncio, Monsignor Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, has left for Paris.

3. R. does not see what him the publication, by Cantacuzene, of Mussolini's speech has done or could have done.

VOCI REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. In 1945, writes V.R. in block letters, we shall have a

National Army; the Monarchy will be set aside and replaced by a temporary Govt, and we shall have Victory.

2. In other Democratic countries the Azzi case would have been discussed without scandal, but here the "campanella" has made of it a personal question of discipline. To say that one must not go in for politics - even monarchist politics - is sufficient to bring the charge of "factionism", writes Pacciardi. How can anyone speak of epuration in the Army till the King and Prince are epurated themselves? The text of the order of the day signed by the Prince on ending the five days campaign against France, given. P. ends by saying that the laogotoments and all the other "gentlemen" do not realize how much dynamite they are accumulating in the souls of the Italian people; in the souls, so far...

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2. A's comments; why did not the Council examine more deeply the Azzi case? Reorganization of High Commission for fascist crimes should have been studied in the afternoon; with surprise we note entire abatement from the subject, except as concerns the above par c). Does it mean that the situation will remain unchanged, or that the Ministers could not come to an agreement among themselves?

3. Trial against "saying Senators" postponed till liberation of Northern Italy, as three of them are there at present.

4. Text of message given by S.G.I.I. to Soviet syndicate delegation when it left Italy.

5. Price of matches doubled.
 6. If transport conditions were bettered it would be easier to get food into Rome.
 7. Domenico Grisolia insists on the necessity of thorough and rapid repatriation.
- ITALIA LIBERA (Action)
1. By always monotonously insisting on old subjects - in evident contrast with the real necessities of the Country - Bonomi proves that he has a pre-arranged plan for the destruction of democracy. It is necessary, writes I.L., to have an organization where the various forces and ideas of the Nation can converge and the Assembly's Consultative should be this organization.

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2. Commenting on the declaration of the Socialist party about the political and economic situation of Sicily, Vici says that separatism is not simply a problem of seditious minorities. It is nonsense to speak of the union of the landowners with the 'mafiosi' and the Fascists. The triumph of separatism would mean the end of the latifondi, for even nowadays, the landowners are persecuted by the 'mafiosi' and unprotected by the Government. Gallo's law has exasperated the Sicilians. The Socialists themselves have declared that 'incoherent regulations of agrarian policy have caused great discontent among the masses of the small landowners'.

3. Babent feels rather sure of her thought that the Labour Democrats will control 3 newspapers: 'Giornale del Popolo', 'Ricostruzione' and 'Indipendente'. For them, paper is not learning.

FORCLO (Christian Democrat)

1. It is impossible to foresee what will happen in the field of international policy, writes Guido Gonella. Will the rights to freedom and equality of all the people be acknowledged? Will the nations be allowed to make their own decisions without transfer of millions of people? Will the dangerous policy of equilibrium prevail or will there be an attempt at occupation and collective safety? What about the zones of influence?

2. TIAS asked for a plibiscite on the institutional question. According to Italia Libera's comments, ForcLO says that the following definition of 'Proibiscite': democratic method if used to decide whether or not to recall a king; reactionary method if used to decide whether or not to dismiss a king.

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3. Debra interviews d'Hospital of France Press Agency; there is a great lack of comprehension between the French and the Italians. Everything will be easier when France knows what Italy thinks and Italy what France thinks.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Valio Spence sums up the situation of Italy, saying that there is still much to be done, but what has been done Italy owes to the working classes.
2. Attack against the people who live in the Epiroli. They have not felt the war, they are well off.
3. The fifth column is still active says Unità.

GENERAL

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