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socialisation. The last two items can be carried out with relatively little action by the State; there will be only a small part of industrial holdings affected, but it is necessary to break the hold of the plutocrats. He rejects indignantly the suggestion of cleavage between Socialists and Communists. He realizes that the war effort comes first but it is precisely the feeling that the new ideas are not clearly recognized and accepted by the Govt. that impedes a whole-hearted effort. An indication of this may be seen in the contrast between the enthusiasm and number of the partigiani and the difficulty the regular Army has in getting recruits. Feeling as they do the Socialists could not join the Govt. but they are represented in the C.L.N. and in the movements of the North. Italy must not turn back and she must be allowed to govern herself. ....Comment tells of large crowd, enthusiastic applause etc.

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2. The President of the C.L.N. of Naples has been made Syndic of the town.

3. General Assi points out, in a short article, that 8.000 Italian soldiers still live and die in miserable conditions in Albania; their country should not forget them.

4. Interview with Bosri on cultural activity of Italian refugees in Switzerland.

5. Another article on the difference between the cost of living and the salaries of the majority of workers; cost of living has increased, during the last four years, one thousand per cent and salaries about three hundred per cent.

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2. Reviewing Nenni's speech Leone Cattani says that it is understandable that a man like Nenni, who has lived so many years abroad, should not understand, as well as one who has suffered in Italy under Fascism, the leap of unitarian exigencies, the repugnance for permanent revolutions, the desire for true freedom and order. The Italians want only one Govt., efficient and Democratic. Every party must feel its responsibilities, if it wants to participate in the

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effort of national liberation and in the huge task of the United Nations.

3. Starting on the 20th of January there will be a train three times a week, from Rome to Naples, via Cassino.

4. 3.800 refugees from Saxony will shortly join the numerous ones already living at Cinecittà.

PCI (Communist)

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2. Archbishop Damaskinos asks for an immediate cessation of fighting as a first step towards a resolution of the crisis. E.L.A.S. declares it is ready to negotiate.

3. Myron Taylor asks for more American help for Italy.

4. Hitler's speech : war will get still harder during 1945.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. The Pope received the representatives of the "Corpi Armati Pontifici" and explained to them the characteristic duties of their task of defence and honour.

2. Myron Taylor's radio message and Bonomi's answer given in full.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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3. The Rome Regional Associations for Northern Italy have decided to open - among their members - subscriptions for the benefit of those - now liberated - who suffer for want of everything.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The Italian Govt has so far treated the financial problem as a private matter, and the Minister of Treasury has so far published no details which can be checked, nor any items showing what measures the Govt intends taking. Giving the figure of the total debt and saying that this is four and a half times the credit, the Minister forgets Northern Italy where war expenses are faced by printing more currency and contracting all sorts of debts; and what about the Allied issues ? We don't know the plans of our economic mission in the United States, nor do we know the real meaning of Roosevelt's declaration about opening credits to counter balance the "Am-lire" issued here. No attempt at stabilization is possible until London and Washington solve the matter of the postwar exchange rate of the dollar and the sterling and unless economic nationalism is abolished.

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2. A. reviews and answers the criticisms made by various newspapers of Nenni's speech, on Sunday.

3. Sub-Alpino, on occasion of Romain Rolland's death, gives a brief history of the famous writer's life.

4. Luigi Einaudi has been made Governor of the Bank of Italy.

5. Council of Ministers, which should have met today, will meet on Friday.

6. A. gives a list of the black market prices of various kinds of Italian, English and American cigarettes: these prices vary from 80 to 120 lire for packet of 20.

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5. Prof. Tzaldi, interviewed on the general health situation of Rome, said that it on the whole it is not at all bad; much better than might have been expected, in fact.

6. Refugees about to be repatriated must be inoculated.

7. A Fascist criminal, the diplomat and Gerarca Arrivabene, arrested yesterday.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. It seems that not only internal but also foreign policy is suffering from uncertainty, inaction and also from an attempt at more or less unstable equilibrium between the various parties. Why doesn't Italy send a representative to the United States ? Why doesn't the Government settle the question of diplomatic representation in France and in many countries where a large number of Italians are living. (Franco Narzano)

2. American help to Russia goes on increasing.

3. Why create a special organization for the ex-combattants of this war when the association of the veterans of the last war already exists ? The association in charge of the interests of all the ex-combattants will be very powerful. Perhaps some people do not wish the Associazione Nazionale Combattenti to acquire such importance. It is obvious that the party which could directly or indirectly control the mass of the ex-combattants would be all powerful. (Babeuf)

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2. An Interministerial meeting was held yesterday, under the Presidency of Bonomi, to examine the various problems concerning the reorganization of the army and the increase of the Italian war effort.

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3. The special "gratifica" to State employees, fixed in the last Council of Ministers, will be paid within the first fortnight of the month.

4. Yesterday the Prince, accompanied by Myron Taylor, visited the depot of the UNRRA.

5. Following an old tradition, all British soldiers who die in war, are buried in their woollen blankets; this tradition has now been interrupted - in Italy - and these blankets go instead to the "sinistrati". So we were told last night on the wireless by the Sindaco. All Italians should be grateful and touched.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Filippo Girolli blames the obstinacy of the Polish Government of London. The Polish question has been solved on Polish soil without taking in consideration the will of the Government which is London. In the territory occupied by the Russians, there can be no other authorities than that of the Lublin Government, and when Russia has liberated all Poland, the whole territory will come under the Lublin Government. Now the Polish question can only be solved at the Peace Conference.

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6. The proposal of the Communist Party for the erection of a large Italian flag has been unanimously approved.

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GENERAL

1. Statement of the Chief of the Press Office of the Presidency of the Council about the international relations of Italy which are getting more and more normal. - The internal situation is normal too and is improving in Sicily.

Einaudi and Introna have respectively been appointed Governor and General Manager of the Bank of Italy.

2. Statement of Roosevelt: he will soon meet Churchill and Stalin.

The policy of the United States will aim at giving all the people of the liberated countries the possibility of chosing freely their Government and the men by which they are composed.

3. The Polish Government of Lublin will not be responsible for the financial engagements which may be taken in future by the London Government.

4. General Plastiras has consented to form a new Government in Greece.

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4. Candidus seemed very surprised at learning of the existence of black market which, he said, is not known in England; but 592.1 C. know why we have black market here ? because food distribution, controlled in a very complicated bureaucratic military manner, does not ensure to the population the minimum necessary to live.

5. There really was no need to create the "Alto Commissariato per i reduci" when so many institutions already exist, whose job it is to solve all problems concerning the Veterans; this means rendering more bureaucratic the already "over-bureaucraticised" machinery of the State. (l'Osservatore)

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6. Students are against the abolition of the faculty of Political Science; also against Arangio Ruiz, who now does all he can to make the people forget the days when he lectured in a black shirt.

7. Something should be done to prevent complete destruction of all Roman trees.

MORNING PAPERS

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2. Article by ... Perosco on the military tragedy in Dalmatia, after the 8th of Sept.

3. Many more schools could function with just a little more good-will. Some schools only lack a few window panes, in others

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the water pipes don't function; and so the children have no lessons.

4. Contadino has been suspended for one week, as punishment for having published Mussolini's speech. The Govt however cannot possibly allow private citizens to confiscate newspapers.

5. At last ! Romans will be given a cake of soap next week.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Epuration must take place, but not as it is taking place at present, writes Scrutator. It is scandalous to see the epuration now approved by senators and ministers of Mussolini, who are directly responsible for all the unlawful acts which brought about dictatorship. After twenty years, they have come back to power and are now sending to jail people who are only guilty of believing that by serving fascism they were serving their country. The magistrate who will preside the High Commissariat should at least condemn the main culprits.

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As for Poland, Belfagor says that claims for the independence and integrity of Poland are only made by Polish reaction ries. Belfagor had better have a look at the papers published by the Polish Germa.

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3. Giuseppe Sala writes about Sicily of today: misery and disappointment of the people who live by their wits, trying to get the commodities required for every-day life, which become rarer everyday. No safety anywhere because of the 'mafia'.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Lorenzo Barbera says that the renewed Italian diplomatic relations are really so only in theory.

2. After the 15th of this month all Communes will start preparing their election lists which should be ready by the 15th of April. All electors named on the lists can be elected, as long as they can read and write and are not, for other reasons, unsuitable to become members of the local administrations.

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2. Liquidation in the Ministry of War will end within the month. Particulars of the Riati trials given.

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3. Article against the Ufficio d'Igiene which does nothing to put the schools in healthy conditions.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Velio Spano's article in memory of Roman Holland.

2. The work of the C.G.L. : What has been done about reconstruction is mainly due to the initiative of the workmen; the C.G.L. has protected the interests of the various categories of Italian workmen. It has managed to break the tradition of proportional increase of salary, which emphasized the disproportion between low and high salaries, by obtaining the indemnity for the high cost of living which is equal for all. It has hit a blow at the 'iniquitous mezzadria'. (Giuseppe Di Vittorio)

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3. V.M. hopes that an office which will give information on Italian prisoners in Germany will soon be set up.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The absurd and tragic financial situation is accepted by the leading class, because it is not a sanguinary one; Sarag.t gives figures of black market prices.

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2. Avanti insists on necessity of epuration among Carabinieri.

3. Sforza's letter announcing his dismissal from Alto Commissario for Sanctions against Fascism, will be read tomorrow; nobody will take his place until the whole of Italy is liberated. At the head of the four sub-commissions will be placed the following : a) Punishment of Fascist crimes, Berlinguer; b) Fascist profiteers, Cingolani; c) Liquidation of Fascist patrimonies, Stangoni; d) Epuration, Grieco.

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5. Steps should be taken by the Police to stop those open-air dealers who have no permits; it would be one step towards fighting black market.

6. Thefts continue at Borgata Cordicci, and the Police is conspicuous by its absence.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. In a democratic regime, it is possible to demand a great concentration of power, this on two essential conditions: a possibility of control and criticism, a real political responsibility of the organs of the authority towards the other organs of society. This never exists in a totalitarian regime. (Carlo Sidi)

2. Why should the Government make a separation and a classification among the veterans of the last war and those from this war ? Is it really necessary to create a High Commissariat to look after them; it would be more sensible to give help and supplies to the already existing organization for relief to the combatants.

3. Relief to the refugees should be better organized. Instead of that, the work of the High Commissariat is constantly hampered: for instance, the Cesano Camp where life was getting normal, had to be destroyed for the place was required for the drilling of an Italian division.

4. The food situation is disgraceful; it is inadmissible that there should be food in some provinces while people are starving elsewhere. The High Commissariat should organize a system of exchanges between the provinces, the commodities of which there is abundance in one place could be sent to another province which would give foodstuffs instead.

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3. Relief to the refugees should be better organized. Instead of that, the work of the High Commissariat is constantly hampered: for instance, the Caserio Camp where life was getting normal, had to be destroyed for the place was required for the quailing of an Italian division.

4. The food situation is disgraceful; it is inadmissible that there should be food in some provinces while people are starving elsewhere. The High Commissariat should organize a system of exchanges between the provinces, the commodities of which there is abundance in one place could be sent to another province which would give foodstuffs instead.

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1. Following certain plans which have been suggested Poland ought to be divided; in other words it might lose territory on the east and gain some on the west. Sandro De Feo hopes the Polish problem will be solved so as not to cause further discontent.

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2. It seems that crops will be good in Lazio and Umbria. R.S. hopes this will mean more food for Rome

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The Italian tax system is wrong writes Romano: thus, in Italy, those who have no money pay the taxes, small employers whose fixed income is known, small landowners are unreasonably taxed; you pay no taxes if you buy a Rolls Royce; on the contrary, beware if you mean to invest your money in real estate. Why does not the Government try to tax all the people who do black market and obviously have plenty of money to spend ?

2. Article of Eric A. Johnston: the individual economic organization of America compared to Russian collectivism. The best thing for United States and Russia would be to have close commercial relations.

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Statement of Stettinius: the Governments of Great Britain and of the United States agree about the question of giving help to Italy, to enable it to rehabilitate its economic life.

2. It is probable that no High Commissioner of denazification will be appointed.

3. The Council of Ministers will deal with finance, reconstruction and transport problems.

4. Statement of Carandini who expresses hope that his mission in London will be successful in bringing more comprehension among both nations.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Not available.

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4. Against a weekly newspaper which has published photographs of naked or almost naked women.

5. The first C.G.I.L. meeting will be held in Naples at the end of the month.

6. Qualified organisms continue their studies towards the forming of the Assemblea Consultive which, it is hoped, will begin to function by the end of the month.

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7. Radio Londra announced that Allied Chiefs of Staff discussed the possibilities of increasing help to Italy.

8. Long awaited soap is going to be distributed; but one cake of a hundred grams after three months is not very much, writes e.b.

9. A national lottery will soon be held; its profits will be turned over to the U.D.S.I. and the C.R.I.

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2. Nenni reviews Sforza's letter and disapproves of one thing; according to him initiative should come from the bottom, and the C.L.N. should be given the necessary power to interfere immediately in the complex matters of epuration and sanctions, following special rules which he gives.

3. Yesterday afternoon Bonomi received Admiral Cunningham, Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.

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4. The Allies deem it more convenient to reactivate sugar-works in Southern and central Italy, than to import sugar from America; the necessary machinery will be brought over before next summer, and by next autumn the production should be sufficient.

5. The paper-mills of Foggia, destroyed by the Germans, have been set into working conditions again by the patient labor of all the workers; there only remained one machine which it was absolutely impossible to mend; but the Allies, moved by the seriousness and thoroughness of the work which had been done notwithstanding innumerable difficulties, gave one.

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6. No review of Carabinieri today. Perhaps, says I.L., the "Important Personage" has thought twice about putting in an appearance.

7. Story of recovery of silver of Royal Household, stolen by the Germans and hidden in "a big hotel in the centre of Rome".

8. C.G.I.L. appeals to "intellectual workers" to enter unions. I.L. supports appeal.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commenting on the present situation of the magistracy in Italy, Roberto Lucifero agrees with Piletti that law must be effectively equal for all, and that in the eyes of the law, the State has the same importance as private individuals and has the same right as they have. The magistracy should be completely renovated, without regard to what might be the political constitution of the State in which this magistracy will have to function.

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2. A certain quantity of sugar, arriving from America, is expected in Rome soon.

3. Arrigo Benedetti describes an adventurous journey through flooded roads and dark villages.

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4. The Commissario Colasurdo arrested; also a certain number of agents taken to Regina Coeli.

5. It is rumored that the Allies will requisition Palazzo Ruspoli; if this happens also the Corso Cinema would be requisitioned; and this is not fair, says R.I.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article on pathetic condition of veterans. Though badly dressed, poorly fed and survivors of an unjust war, these men are still "Italy", says the writer. What does Gasperotto think of their plight ?

2. Disorders in Ragusa; young men resist being called to colors.

3. Violent protest against action of Italcable which has been accepting cables for abroad (with money to pay for them) for the past 7 weeks - and as yet not one cable has been sent. Does not the Minister of Post and Telecommunications know this ? And if so, how can he permit it ?

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GENERAL

1. The Council of Ministers; approval of a plan of works for the reconstruction of damaged buildings. Bonomi will now direct epuration; no High Commissioner will be appointed. Initiative of the State in favour of the combatants and their families.

2. Together with his resignation, Sforza has sent a report on his work of epuration to Bonomi.

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3. Strikes and agitation against the Germans in North Italy. The Germans answered by the lock out.

4. Visit of Admiral Cunningham to London.

5. Interview of Churchill with De Gaulle and Eisenhower; agreements have been made; new French divisions will be armed.

6. Statement of Roosevelt: a new program for more abundant supplies to Italy. - Asked whether he thinks it would be a good thing for the clauses of the armistice to be made public, the President has answered that competent military authorities still give importance to this element.

7. New Spanish Ambassador in Rome: Don Jose Antonio Sangroniz Castro. The Belgian Government is going to appoint a Charge d'Affaire.

8. Trouble in Sicily between the Police and drafted young men.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni reviews an article - evidently written by Togliatti -

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which appeared in "Rinascita". This article puts for the first time the problem of a single party of Italian workers - outside all political currents -. But unity of action, Nenni says, comes before a single party.

2. Favorable comments on the work done by the Epuration Commission while Sforza was also Commissario; its directives have been: hit in higher spheres and be more indulgent in lower ones.

3. The "Ministri Cristiani", in answer to the Osservatore's declaration (see digest of Jan. the 3rd, under Quot. 1.) asks that "the Supreme Authority be kind enough to point out the items in its (S.O's) program which may be wrong.

4. Article by Saragat on two famous anti-Fascists, Turati and Rosselli.

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3. The ACCI (Associazione Culturale Cinematografica Italiana) will hold today a public discussion on "Accusation and defence of the Italian Cinema".

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4. Roman regional railways are beginning to function again.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. A great many promises have been made to Italy about its economic rehabilitation. The people will ask its Government that the plans of reconstruction be entrusted to competent men and not to the empirism of statesmen. The Allies know that Italy has technicians, and to send even for a short time engineers or technicians to help the Italians would hurt the price of the people. Italy only needs raw materials and machinery. - Italy must start her work of reconstruction, regulating the production in accordance with the present possibilities, and keep in mind that the supplies she gets from England or U.S.A. will have to be paid for. (Vincenzo Luci)

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DISORIENTAMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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2. Story of Drew Pearson's revelation of note of Lord Halifax. Much time has passed since then, writes Lorenzo Barbaro, and it seems

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relatively unimportant now. Anyway it would be foolish to think American and British policies are always in accord - and "base Machiavellism" to hope to profit by their differences.

3. Soleri's radio talk on financial situation reproduced. The inheritance of Fascism and the war have made Italy's financial condition precarious but Soleri is cheered by evidences of the confidence of the Italian people and of understanding abroad.

4. On the IRI. Advantages and disadvantages of maintaining it. It can be useful if fitted in the general economic planning which should soon get underway. (Piccardi)

5. Long article complaining of excess profits made by dairy farmers and cattle raisers.

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2. Moscow comments on the contribution of Poland to the defeat of Germany. The present Polish Temporary Government will give satisfaction to the wishes of the Polish nation.

3. There should be no paper for defeatist newspapers.

4. Popolo urges the part of the Baltic barons and Polish landowners.

5. There should be a war radio and a radio for national unity; all broadcasts should be made taking this in consideration.

6. Black market is thriving all over Rome.

7. Most Russian intellectuals have joined the Soviets, writes Kalinin.

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5. 6 British Members of Parliament have arrived in Rome.

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3. It has been officially announced that on the 15th the ANSA (Agencia Nazionale Stampa Associata) will take over the information service carried out till now by the MMU. This is an important step forward in Italian press independence, and we must thank the Allies for it.

4. Works are slowly beginning to function again, and unemployment is slowly beginning to diminish.

5. In Calabria oranges are sold at one lira a kilo to whoever will pick them; why don't ANSA and STEFAD act to lower the price in Rome, which varies between 40 and 45 lire a kilo ?

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6. Victor Emmanuel is not dead, as rumor had alleged. However he is seriously ill; the Prince was to go to Ravello last night.

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7. 36.000 Italian POWs in U.S. given Status of "auxiliary soldiers".

8. Clance's speech, Sunday, approved. It shows common intentions of Socialist and Action parties.

9. Protest against requisitioning of Palazzo Ruspoli. It is a national monument and contains, as well as the Corso Cinema, offices of firms important for reconstruction.

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5. News from Paris says that the famous architect Le Corbusier suggests that reconstruction should be carried out with a purely industrial criterion, but, writes Nenni, though reconstruction has to carried out as speedily as possible, we don't think that art and beauty should be forgotten, otherwise tomorrow half of Europe -

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as a half of Europe has to be reconstructed - will be formed by rows and rows of grey dismal barrack-like houses.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Roosevelt has been rather vague about the problems of an international character, which are of vital interest for the people. The President has stressed the need for the Allies to remain united even after victory, and this at a time when the unity of purpose of the Allies seemed to waver: there seems to be a strong difference of opinion about the attitude to be taken towards Italy. Will the Atlantic Charter remain as platonic as the 14 points of Wilson ? Roosevelt has again euphoised the principle that people must decide for themselves, but this cannot come into effect as long as the prisoners and men who have been deported have not been sent back. Nevertheless, the Allies are co-responsible with the Italian Government which is trying to hasten so many decisions during the absence of so many men. No mention has been made of the Italians who are fighting at the side of the Allies. (Ugo Selvaggi)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Problem of the Commissions in the factories: are they to be advisory of deliberative ? (Giulio Seniscalchi)

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2. A Commission is preparing a reform of the legal code.

3. Popolo thinks that Ciano may not been exaggeratedly truthful in his speech: though Badoglio is "one of those chiefly responsible for Fascism, and the characteristic representative of the forces of reaction". The Action Party was only too happy to participate in the Bassoglio cabinet.

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1. Velio Spano writes that some people put fight for freedom before fight for independence, forgetting that these two aims are inseparable and that independence should anyhow come first.

2. Some more disdeeds of the Sicilian latifondisti: they have managed to obtain posts from A.M.G. - they keep their wheat and oil. Strong action should be taken.

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3. It was too much that the Perrones should manage a news paper, it is unbearable that they should inspire it politically; when no longer an allied organ, the Corriere di Roma should not be entrusted to them.

4. Speculations of Ciano, Bonini and Jacomoni in Albania.

5. It is rumoured that the Roatta trial will not take place. But the country will not stand that.

6. Italy has lost 70% of its industrial equipment writes Guido Molinelli. Reconstruction must be started at once with what means there are.

7. Food can now be brought freely into Rome.

GENERAL

1. It is said that Marshal Badoglio is seriously ill.

2. It is now possible to communicate with Italian prisoners in Russia.

3. Ambassador Kirk has presented his credentials to the Lieutenant of the Kingdom.

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1. Referring to Drew Pearson's declaration appearing in Risorgimento Liberale (see Digest of the 7th under R.L. n. 2)

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Paccicardi examines the British attitude towards Italy. Though quite understanding that England still considers Italy only as a beaten enemy, he wonders why she does not allow America to give what relief she wants or can, to Italy. It must be remembered, he says, that a world peace is not possible without America.

2. "I ask all Italians to have faith in new Italy" said Brigadier Dunlop, Commissario of the Southern Region, on occasion of the formation of the new Metropolitan Communal Administration.

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3. Rossini's statement to the press admitting disorders in various parts of Sicily.

4. C.L.N. of "Venezia Giulia" has issued an order of the day affirming the "Italianità" of the region and the need for autonomy and protection of cultural, legal and economic interests of all citizens of both nationalities.

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5. Article on bourgeois finance by Subalpino, who thinks a national loan would be desirable.

6. Classes not yet open at Rome University, because the professors are being investigated. Meanwhile the students celebrated opening of term by the usual goliardic gestures - including an invasion of the Splendore Cinema, necessitating intervention of the Allied and Italian Police.

7. Attack on Administration of the Commissariato Alloggi. Bureaucracy and corruption rife, says A.

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2. Myron Taylor condemns the British thesis according to which Italy must be made to pay and emphasizes the necessity to give help to Italy. - Mr. Kilsey, the Texas representative, who is now in Rome, having said that Italy was an enemy before becoming an ally and must be made to pay, Mr. Taylor answered that Italy has

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greatly suffered already and that the failure of the Allies to relieve these sufferings is the best way to make Italy turn communist. Only generous financial help can save Italy from communism which the United States do not want to see established there.

4. It seems that Iacchini of the Action Party has been appointed Ambassador in the United States. Italia Nuova would like to know what special qualifications justified this appointment.

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2. Well informed Govt spokesmen give Tarchiani's name as Italian Ambassador to Washington.

3. A Committee has been formed for starting economic relations between Italy and Belgium.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Rossini stated at Press-Conference that Italian Govt saw no objections to publishing armistice terms and does not understand Roosevelt's hesitation. Rossini also expressed Italian Govt's satisfaction with recent statement of MacMillan on Allied plan for Italy.

2. Long academic discussion of meeting between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin said to be imminent.

3. On Veterans. Some suggest a new Commissariato, some prefer making use of existing veterans' associations. The essential thing is not to play politics but to do something.

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3. The C.L.N. of the Venezia Giulia (Trieste) declare inviolable the principle of Italian unity which was reached after so much bloodshed. They will remove every obstacle to the collaboration between Slavs and Italians. They ask for great autonomy for the region.

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much traditions and statistics as the living will of the people.

2. The C.C.L.N. sent Bonomi an order of the day asking the Govt to make clear to the Allies the Italians' desire of having a strong army expressing the new national conscience.

3. Jacomoni wanted to become "cousin" of the King.

4. Against the Perrone, who are creatures of Mussolini and of Fascism, it is scandalous that the Corriere di Roma should be passed over by the Allies to them, on the 15th. Also other fascist journalists hide behind pseudonyms. Is there no Press-Syndicate to prevent all these scandals ?

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5. Article on the difficulties the AMG has to face; few cars, scarce electric energy, overdrafts; there is talk of the institution passing to a private society.

6. Medicine peddlers arrested by the Police; doctors and chemists belong to the gang.

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ITALI NUOVI (Democrat)

1. The combatants should be convinced that they are fighting to free their country. They should be given positive elements of reconstruction, not only negative elements which may destroy what has to be destroyed, but do not construct anything. Nothing has been done to substitute Fascism by democratic life. The man in the street must know that there is a determined program to cope with the problems of the present time. (Theo Salvaggi)

2. Sicily is not represented in the Government. The riots have been caused by the draft, for the students want to know what they are fighting for; since the armistice, Sicily has remained isolated from the Italian political movements, and therefore has not got the 'conscience' that the Government is appealing to. It is not prepared to grasp the new military requirements of the country, and only remember that the Allies landed in Sicily as victors and not as liberators. Nothing has been done to help Sicily, and the separatist party made the most of the opportunity. It would have been far more successful to ask for volunteers. (Vibi)

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4. Commenting on Nenni's article in Avanti, Popolo says that Nenni does not understand how the difficulties of the Government should be understood by all anti-fascist parties. Too many parties think only of their own particular problems, the Action Party has therefore no right to act the part of the public prosecutor. Nenni might also remember that the patriotic and anti-separatist action of the Sicilian clergy has been most useful to the Government.

5. The problem of transport is always being examined but never solved.

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3. There should be no neutral press in war time. Some people say they are neither fascist nor anti-fascist; this won't do for the press must contribute to the war effort.

4. There is only one bus for Ostia and the Ostia area which has 50.000 inhabitants.

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5. The agrarian syndicates should be democratized and managed by the agriculturists themselves who would defend their interests against manufacturers and tradesmen. (r. Spezzano)

6. A numerous and dangerous armed band has taken refuge in Borgata Cordignano. It is time the CC.RR. should do something about it.

GENERAL

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2. General Infante was sent over to America in 1939, to study the political situation; he discovered that all Americans ate tinned food; if they had no more tinned food they would starve to death within a few days, the tins all came from Axis nations, so, Infante said, America could not possibly declare war on the Axis. In such terms he wrote to Mussolini; he later distinguished himself

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for cowardice, during the war. It was natural, says Voce Repubblicana, that the Luogotenente should choose him as "Aide de Camp".

3. The origin of our misfortune lies in the totalitarian State we have had for so long, as it cannot be all seeing and as reconstruction is equally urgent everywhere, it should give the Communal Administrations the power to organise local reconstruction, writes Umberto Macarelli.

4. O.F.D. because P.N.A.L. (Ente Nazionale Assistenza Lavoratori).

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MORNING PAPERS

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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2. Working women. They should have better training and better economic and moral treatment in Italy. (U. Reale)

3. Either words on the expected turning over of the Corriere di Roma to the Vatican.

4. Box reminding Il Popolo that Action party has expressed lack of faith in Bonomi before the Sforza crisis.

5. Radio talk of Paolo Vittorelli on need of political education for POWs reproduced.

6. Another article against THAC pointing out its defects and the lack of need for it.

7. 5.000 lire notes will not be issued.

8. First train from Rome to Naples on the 22nd of Jan. 12 hours but it is hoped time will be cut later.

9. Series of communistic posters. They will run today but the discussions still continue. Price the main difficulty.

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5. Has P.W.B. sold or given the Corriere di Roma to the Government Commissioner of the printing Co. some time ago?

6. A.C. has been asked for ships to transport fertilizers from Tunis. The Inter-Industrial Committee has also asked to buy agricultural machinery in Spain and raw materials for the fabrication of tyres which might be made in the Pirelli plants in Tivoli.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. A large number of numerous fascists are still free; fascist activity is being re-organized. Nothing has been done to renew purges.

2. Complicity of fascist fascists with Scelba (effe)

3. The withdrawal of all the employees of the Società Romana di Elettricità should be praised, not only those of the management.

4. The Segni gives the arms by preference to the merchants who offer to transport wine at the lowest prices; half the wine goes to the Segni to be sold at fixed prices, the other half remains to the wine merchants who sell it at their own price. This is a definite encouragement for black market for the quantity of wine sold at a fixed price is insufficient for the requirements.

GENERAL

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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1. Machiavelli has resisted more than other institutions the pressure of Fascism, says Mario Berlinguer in his book "The crisis of Justice under the Fascist Regime". T.M. adds that the Cassation Court of Rome is a luminous example of this resistance.

2. Graziadei, in his speech at the Viminale, recalled the Sicilian movements of 1848.

3. Following an agreement between the A.C., the Prefect of Naples and the C.L.N., Beniamino Gigli is going to sing at the San Carlo. Was it really necessary, asks E., to disturb even the

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C.L.N., for such a matter ? What will the C.L.N.A.I., which is occupied in a mortal fight, think of this ?

4. Is it really necessary that the Allies should requisition the Palazzo Rospoli and other private houses, when there are still so many houses and flats belonging to Fascists which might be taken over ?

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. V.R. summarizes an article by Gaetano Salvemini, published by the American magazine "Foreign Affairs" in which the writer says that any Italian who would give even a single thought to the Colonial question, would prove that he is incapable of visualising the present situation. There is work for generations, in Italy, to rebuild and reconstruct all that war has destroyed. Passing to the Dalmatian question he points out that Italians, there, are only a minority, and that we should trust the intelligent understanding of the Yugoslavs to protect the rights of the Italian speaking people; the Trieste and Gorizia areas, on the contrary, are predominantly Italian. So a Commission formed of serious and honest people should study the situation very carefully.

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1. Calosso reviews the history of Sicily which, he says, proves that the island is part of Italy. Scuto's commemoration of a Sicilian initiative which had, as its banner, a British democratic constitution, is an outrage for war and peace, he adds.

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4. Bonomi was offered three berths to the C.M.D.S.I.

5. All newspapers have agreed in asking the A.M.S.A. an organism of objective information. Avanti approves and asks why this has not been done before.

6. Has the Govt no sense of responsibility ? It seems that the Commissario of the I.R.I., illegally assigned, will be made general director.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The Allies should understand that by denying the patriots the right to go on fighting and by mortifying the enthusiasm of liberation, they weaken the democratic front.

2. Technical article on recruiting and instructing the Guerrilla

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di Firenze, signed Antonio.

3. In a State capable of guaranteeing all freedoms, we want a school which will teach our children to be better armed than we were against the temptations of nationalism. We want a public education which will give a high conscience of freedom and of social life, outside the narrowness of classes and nations. (Carlo Tuscetti)

4. The C.L.N. of the Rome Province has voted an order of the day aiming at a solution of the problem of feeding the town.

5. Fourteen profiteers denounced for illicit baking of pastries.

6. More medicines destined to the black market discovered by the Police.

7. 280 sacks of Brazilian coffee arrived in Rome; it is to be distributed to those who need it most, especially in the devasted areas.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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6. The prisoners who are in Germany will be able to send news to their families through the Nuncio in Berlin.

7. The Presidency of the Council at last says that 'in what concerns the enforcing of the law, Germany is to be considered as enemy nation'.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. It is inadmissible that the groups which supported the

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Fascist press should be given credit for influencing public opinion.

2. Another article of Giuseppe Saio on the Sicilian situation: Sicilian youth does not want to fight because it is disappointed or indifferent. The Allies and the anti-Fascist forces have shown little consideration or comprehension for them.

3. Italy has a heart and hands to rebuild its economic structure if she is given the possibility to do so, writes Dgr Spellman.

There is no hate against Italy in France, writes d'Ormesson. French people make a great difference between Italy and Germany.

4. The Borgata S. Basilio is still flooded; it has no telephone, no schools, no policemen.

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2. Grandi's account of the Council's meeting of July 25th '43 as told to the American journalist Bent.

3. Bonomi received leave by the UNRRA.

4. Archbishop Spellman's article in current "Colliers" summarized. Some hope for Italy was put forth in Europe. Spellman that the Pope had criticized the errors and cause of totalitarism.

5. Complaint of bad quality of cigarettes.

6. First load of cattle arrived from Sardinia three days ago; to be distributed among farmers in the Agro Romano.

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2. Interview with Ninocchi who denies the separatists advice quiet. Sicilian youth would be willing to fight under Sicilian officers and under the red and yellow flag of Sicily.

3. Situation of the Fascist Navy. (Vittorio G. Rossi)

4. Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin should meet soon somewhere in the Middle East. It is said that before this meeting, there will be a meeting between Eden, Stettinius and Molotov.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. There is no doubt that Germany has lost the war. Why is she still fighting ? She is still fighting in the hope that she will be able to negotiate peace instead of surrendering without conditions. Germany wants it to be believed that she will fight to the last and that the fall of nazism will create a chaos which might be dangerous for Europe. Germany tries to frighten people with communism, and attempts to divide the Allies with this threat. Division among the Allies would mean a negotiated peace for the benefit of the reactionary classes.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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POPOLO DI ROMA - (Independent Catholic)

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3) Against the swindlers carried out by soldiers against the fountains of Piazza Navona.

4) The Vicario received the chiefs of the "Federazione Inquilini e assistenziale", who exposed to him the tragic situation in which many of them are.

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1) Examination of new tax law published (Supplement 103 Oct) by Francesco Cazzaro. He finds it clumsy and unjust to those having fixed incomes. Considerable technical analysis.

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3) Against the vandalisms committed now by children against the fountains of Piazza Na-ona.

4) The Vatican recall-ed the origin of the "Federazione Impiegati e Operai Ce", who enjoyed to him the tragic situation in which many of them are.

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3) Proposals for improving food supplies made by the pro-inquiry C.I.T. Recommends strict rationing of certain staple products and free trade with abolition of checks for everything else. F. suggests that the Allies make an effort to employ the personnel if requisition is inevitable.

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POPOLO REPUBBLICANO (Republican)

1) The bureaucratic and administrative chaos with which Rome keeps tied up the willing energies of the whole Country, must be broken at the frontiers, in the price lists, in all forms where precious time is wasted in copying and disappearing letters, in endless useless discussions: but time is too precious, it cannot be wasted. Why don't the Commands start reconstruction, - De Gasperi Conti, without waiting.

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for orders and counterorders from Rome.

2) [illegible] sworn fidelity to the crown. By so doing, says V.E., he has put himself on the other side of the barricades and can no more consider himself the President of the Constitutional Fruce: he will be treated - by all Italians who desire the renewal of the Country as the last monarchic Minister.

3) Things will not understand that the Constituents - being a consultation of the people - presupposes the setting aside of monarchy. We hope that London will not abandon the right way, and seems too rigid in its official policy.

4) Article on Col. Romanino, undersecretary of the Stato Maggiore, and on his behaviour at the time of the Armistice; but, under V.E., as he is protected by the royalty, he will be re-elected.

5) Still more discussions between ANPI and Communists.

6) The C.L.N. makes an appeal to the population and to all South Tirol, to obtain glasses for the soldiers' widows.

7) Bonomi's aim that is to rebuild Italian spiritual life.

8) Interview with Vincenzo Torraca: he says that he and his friends did all they could to calm the people on the 14th of July; some remaining fascist elements are responsible for these manifestations. Our movement instead, he says, has always recommended calm and peace. About what he thought of the war between the United Nations and Germany, he expressed the opinion that every possible effort should be made towards the utter destruction of nazi-fascism. He does not approve of compulsory conscriptions: the army should be made up by volunteers.

9) Article on the urgency of reclaiming the Pontine Marshes.

10) The Allies ensure food transport to the population of Stati-Sella (Bari).

NEWS PAPERS

A-AVANTI (Socialist)

1) Declaration of the Socialist Party. The present ministerial crisis has created a difficult situation for the C.L.N., whose unity risks being compromised unless a common policy can be rapidly formed. The urgency of creating an army representing the renewed national conscience, is stressed. The Socialist Party will not permit the interest of the Govt and the immunity granted to Fascists to damage the conditions of democratic energies. It gives its approval to a meeting, in Rome, of a National Assembly of all C.L.N., to define a concrete program of organization of the Country so as to end, victoriously, the fight against nazi-fascism and so as to democratize the Nation. It does not approve that the only possible democratic policy is that of uniting

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5) Still more discussions on the ATAC and Unionsettiati.

7) The U.S.I. orders an appeal to the population and to all Roman firms, to obtain pleasure for the Yehoels' failure.

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2) Commenting on F. Parri's interview Lussu says that Fascism's left their heads again in Sicily because separatism has broken the national and democratic unity: he defines himself as the agent of the "Antifascisti".

3) Scapparotta takes Scialoja's place at the Air Industry; change caused by bad health of latter.

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4) Commenting on a letter in which the Porrone brothers give a list of their anti-fascist merits, Amendola says that those merits don't change the fact that for 20 years, as editors of the Messaggero, they sang the praises of Mussolini and of Fascism.

5) Against the conscription bill calling to arms the classes from '14 to '24, which is the same old bill used 10 years ago. It is a proof of democratic and moral unconsciousness and we have the right to ask if, by chance, some sabotage intentions are hidden by it.

6) Croce's Idea-ri praises the work done till now by the C.C.I.L. A daily paper of the C.C.I.L. will soon appear.

7) Against Di Giacomo, Commissario of the I.R.I. Why does not the Ministry of Industry listen to the many voices of complaint and claim ?

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3) Defence of Sforzini against I.M.I., says I.I., has true appreciation of Dalmatian situation in which he still has. (B.P.)

4) Praise of Crémieux's article in Figaro describing reluctance of Italians to go to war against France. Regrets that "Presence" (French soldiers' weekly) has omitted a few very pointed sentences.

5) Th. "mobilisation posters" contain a reference to "soldiers of Hebrew race". This is a shocking survival of Fascism, says I.I.

6) Protest on situation in Borgotaro Comerelli. Interview with Calzini, President of Trust and respectable workers union. The essential thing is to concentrate produce in the Borgotaro Comerelli. This has not

yet been done.... Other complaints; incapacity of Folcsport to control prices, arrogance of Battistoni, new Director of Market, etc.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1). Crisis of the Atlantic Charter. France Soir has discusses Roosevelt's apparent contradictory statements on the document. Certainly, says the writer, the Charter is the expression of traditional American "messianism": perhaps Roosevelt does not wish to make it formally binding, however in view of certain recent events in Europe (e.g. the Polish question) and the English suspicion that America would like to review the whole problem of Imperialism. And R. must be mindful too of Wilson's failure. However it must be remembered that the differences of opinion between American and British on post-war planning do not mean that the Countries are not firmly united in the prosecution of the war.

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3) The failure of negotiations with the Confederazione Nazionale Industrie Trasporti Automobilistici indicates the incapacity of the EMAC. I.N. recalls with pleasure its criticism of EMAC, an organisation "bastard in conception and unwieldy in function". (Vasso)

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5) Society of refugees from Lybia has issued order of the day reaffirming the right of the Italian people over territories in Africa acquired by democratic Italy.

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8) Coal to be brought to Rome by river barts from the sea to San Paolo. Plans being worked out by Allies.

DC-PCI-C (Christian Democrat)

1) By demanding unconditional surrender from Germany, the Allies show clearly that the chasm between liberty and democracy and bondage and totalitarism cannot be bridged. Nevertheless, the result is the following : The partisans and patriots collaborate with the Allies; when fighting is over, these very partisans and patriots must surrender without conditions to those who are fighting for the same aim. This has partly caused the collapse of the Italian Army in the Balkans and in Italy, besides it may have had a negative influence in Rumania, Hungary etc. - The principle of unconditional surrender has been enforced in the Mediterranean, but not in Eastern or Balkanic Europe.

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and try to save appearances. Lots of people are involved in black market or more or less shady speculations. The suspicion hasn't increased and the cost of living makes it hard for those who have a fixed income or a modest salary to manage.

7) Invitation notices will be distributed in Rome.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1) The present Italian atmosphere may be defined as disencouragement. But it should not be said though beaten and worn and lacerated,Italy still can count on the energy of her people, if they find the will to resist against prostration. Some speak of the possibility of a peace of compromise; no, such a possibility does not exist, writes Alberto Albertini. War must be carried on till the end.

2) The "Stato Stampa del Governo" states that the rumor published by U.P. about Bonomi's exit is false.

3) Short article by I.S. on life in Rome; prices terrifically high; no heating; little transport; all torn clothes.

4) Bérard's forth Montecchio article into a life one.

5) Gloss figures on work done by the High Commissioner for refugees and repatriation of refugees; 80,000 refugees have already left Rome. Help given by Allied Red Cross and UNRRA and the nations.

DEMOCRAZIA (Independent)

The promises of the Allies haven't yet been fulfilled, and a certain lapse of time will pass before the conditions of daily life get any better. If fighting goes on, Italy can reorganize an army and fight at the side of the Allies, but this means more than co-belligerency. There is no longer any reason to keep Italy out of the community of the people which will constitute post-war Europe.(Filippo Sicilia).

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2) Gino Cucco discusses a few articles of Nelson Empire by E. Prokrd.

3) The Irish explains that also soldiers of Jewish race are involved. However such precision is no longer required.

4) Heinz Eulau points that fascism is a general phase of the development of modern capitalist society, and that the present war is the unavoidable consequence of the political and economic system. The whole of German economy should be modified. Drucker says that Europe shouldn't be reconstructed on ideological basis, it should be organized separately in an international order with a world basis.

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and resistance to corruption and personal influence. Orison says : we must strike the responsible chiefs and no indulgence towards simple functionaries.

4) According to the radio from the Vatican, it seems that two Bishops are encouraging Monsignor Roncalli's separation.

5) Miserable living conditions in the Ghetto.

6) A Roman citizen has to present circumstance : why doesn't the High Commissariat do his duty?

7) Report on Italy by the So-Dot (Symbolic) Delegation. Workmen are starving in many places, the underground try to sabotage the work of the syndicates; agitation is slow.

8) In the 'Golf-Club' of Ingenit, work is hard, dangerous and badly paid. The owners make money and want to have the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

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GERMANY -

1) Franco-German negotiations are said to be at a stand still because of territorial claims made by the French Government.

2) 'Neue Republik' stated that Konrad hadn't taken the oath prescribed for all Undersecretaries and Ministers, but had taken a different one. The statement has been denied.

3) Draft of the clauses 1 to 24.

4) Planning has stopped in Greece. [illegible] keeps hostages because members of EAM have been arrested.

5) Chapters to replace Soviet in Air Minister.

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ARMISTICE TALKS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Niente di nuovo.

POPOLARE (Independent Catholic)

1. Pope's speech to Roman nobility (on occasion of their formal New Year's visit) reproduced in full. He reviewed them of the duty of leadership in these trying times; not to fight the current of history but to channel and guide it.

2. Formal seating of Vicenzi Governor of the Bank of Italy and Introna, Direttore Generale, Bonomi, Admiral Thaon and other dignitaries present. Soleri made speech looking to close collaboration between the Bank and the treasury. And in a larger episode he hopes for a return to free exchange and open and plurilateral agreements. He refuses to be pessimistic about Italy's financial future, counting on Italian hardwork and the good will of the Allies. Vinaudi replied in like vein.

3. Tupini's radio talk summarized. Pointed out delicacy of forensic organization, said new government was repairing the serious situation created by suspension of concordat for procedural for last four years. Discussed other technical matters.

4. Comment on mobilization decree. Says the call to arms is an enormous political and moral significance. The nation is arming itself and an armed nation with a victory to its credit will be able to speak with frankness and to have a voice in the formation of the new Europe.

5. Visit of Bonomi to the storehouses of "UNRRA". Accompanied by Tupini, Spataro etc. Byron Price announced that another ship of supplies would arrive in a month. Bonomi expressed thanks to Pope, Byron Price, American prisons and to all who have given to the needy. He mentioned the need for shoes for children particularly.

6. Suggests that ANSA take up with "competent authorities" the possibility of more power being allotted. And the credit with the leading banks ? As for telephone - patience.

7. Crisp reply to Count Aldobrandini.

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LEADING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Bargagli writes on "War and the politics of war". The urgent duty of Italians at this moment is to fight. Of that there can be no doubt. The insistence of the Socialist party that there should be certain reforms, certain concessions and a clearer understanding of aims should not be regarded as an effort to sabotage the war effort but rather as an attempt to intensify it. Not to close our eyes to the hesitation and diffidence of the people is pure "conformismo" and has resulted in the capitulation in Sicily among other things. Bargagli closes with a statement of the Party's intention to continue to work with the Communists and not to be drawn in to a Center group.

2. Comment on Bonomi's remarks at Atha of Italy secession. Bonomi disclaimed intention of creating a policy for the Duce d'Italia. But it is he who should form the policy. This statement reveals a lack of ideas on his part. And, ironically, it was Tittoni the Fascist, who outlined a policy - an old and untrustworthy one, thinks the writer. (n.g.)

3. Defense of Avanti's refusal on the call to arms, criticized in I.L. Same lines as Bargagli's article above; accuses the "destroyers" of I.L. of being wilful reactionaries.

4. Democracy & Le Patrone. Calls on attempts of the workers of the Ansaldo to publish "Ansaldo Proletario" with participation of the skilled workers in the administration. This, claims Avanti, was voted yesterday and was promptly quashed by the Patrone.

5. No Return to the Terrore. Various solutions are possible for the Corriere di Roma. One thing is clear: it must not go to the Terrore.

6. Students meeting to support call to arms ended in wrangling and dissension. Avanti concludes that evidently there are many students who do not want to fight in the "Magio" Tedesco.

7. Notes with indignation that Gen. Porro has not been spurred. On 2 Dec. the Committee of War Ministry found "insufficient" cause. "Fantastic", says A.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. L.L. reproduces an article appearing in the Florence "La Nazione del Popolo" in which the Tuscan C.L.N. says that the Consultative Assembly should be held before the Administrative

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other talks. S x #f discussion with [illegible] statement of the Party's intention to continue to work with the Communists was not to be drawn in to [illegible] Center group.

2. Comment on Soleri's remarks [illegible] press. Soleri discloses intention of creating a policy for the Soc. d'Italia, but it is he who should form the policy. This statement reveals a lack of ideas on his part. And, ironically, it was Tin Udi the technician, who outlines a policy - an old and untrustworthy one, thinks the writer. (n.g.)

3. Defense of Nenni's remarks on the call to arms, criticized in I.H. 5 as long as Saragat's "Stalin secret" accuses the "ostrich-s" of I.H. of being willful reactionaries.

4. Democracy & Le Comune. Talk of attempt of the workers of the Lombardo to publish Nuovasera paper with participation of the skilled workers in the administration. This, claims Nenni, was voted unanimously and was promptly quashed by the Partcom.

5. No crises to the Partcom. Various solutions are possible for the Comunisti di Roma. One thing is clear: it must not go to the Partcom.

6. Students meeting to support call to arms ended in an ugly and dissension. Nenni concludes that evidently there are many students who do not want to fight in the "Regia" Barracks.

7. Notes with indignation that Gen. Roatta has not been deported. On 2 Dec. the Committee in [illegible] Ministry found "insufficient" crimes. "Fantastic", says L.

II.A.I. DIETRO (Action)

1. L.I. Repubblica "article appearing in the Florence "La Nazione del Popolo" in which the Fascist C.L.N. says that the Consultative Assembly should really be formed before the Administrative elections take place, as these could be controlled by the C.L.N.; such a control is specially needed in the South, where Fascist Prefects are still at their posts. What is the main and central political question of the moment, it asks? The C.L.N., representa the resistance of the Italian Democratic revolution; against the C.L.N.s. we find the residues of Fascism and pro-Fascism. In the coming elections the people will have to state clearly if they are for or against the C.L.Ns; they should know by now that the party spirit is an ally of tyranny. It is not very interesting to say

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to find out which party is stronger, but to know if the majority of Italians is for the C.L.N. The lists should therefore be presented by the local C.L.N. and not by the parties. So by eliminating a secondary fight we could have a guarantee of freedom.

2. The Action Party has decided to open an extraordinary subscription, for the Italia Libera, which, from today, under the direction of Alberto Cianca, will be much improved.

3. Federico Comandini says that vote for women must be the first courageous affirmation of new democracy, denying such a right to women shows the narrow-minded mentality of too many of the so-called champions of freedom. Their ideal of women is still "Domus dulcis et humus deorit".

4. 50 grams of tobacco besides the usual cigarettes rations will be distributed starting next week.

5. Why has the STAMPA stopped milk supply to newspaper editors working in the print-room ?

6. There is a tendency - even among militant men - to point to the "Germanesca" and to ask for the end of anarchy, of punishment, of partition of property; by so doing these people hope that men themselves and their crimes and their fascism will be forgotten. This is entirely wrong, says Aldo Garosci; we must either be all partakers or else be all - even Germany - called upon to contribute to the reconstruction of Europe. Anti-fascists resent being treated on the same level, but they must remember that in Germany too there is a movement of resistance, though it has not yet burst out in its full strength.

7. It seems that the Police is beginning to get better organised in its fight against "black vote" and black market and open gambling.

8. Rachele Mussolini has been denounced by Romualdi, Signora J.S., for illegal appropriation of the denouncers' personal "trousseau".

9. Cianca, speaking on Sunday, reviewed the reasons which caused the Action Party to summon the Govt; the Communists' participation in the Govt is not sufficient to ensure efficiency, as Bonomi obeys a political vision which inevitably will lead the Country back into pre-fascism. The meeting of Naples will represent the fiere of Italy's rebirth.

10. Sforza declared that Italy is the richest when the young [illegible]

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8. Recently successful raids denounced by Honourable Ivanoe Bonomi, Messrs. J.S., for illegal appropriation of the armourers' personal "trousseau".

9. Cianca, speaking at Avellino, reviewed the reasons which caused the Action Party to abandon the Government Coalition's participation in the Cabinet is not sufficient to ensure efficiency, he should adopt a political vision which, inevitably, will lead the Country back into pre-Fascism. The working classes will represent the flore of Italy's reserve.

10. Sforza declared that this is the moment when the young generation can show its desire of contributing to the rehabilitation of Italy, by answering the call to arms with enthusiasm.

11. Berlinguer declared to the U.S. that he intends to speed up the punishment of Fascist criminals.

12. Revision of taxable income. Technical article by Bruno Visentini on the best way of carrying out such a revision.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. For the salvation of Italy. Article by Salvaggi on the importance of the call to arms. He feels the time has come for the Allies to realize the state of mind of the Italians, to speak clearly, to recognize that rights and duties exist on both sides and thus to avoid the possibility of creating a situation similar to that in Greece. Specifically Italians want abolition of the armistice clauses, guarantee of the integrity of national frontiers and an alliance "on the general level of the world war". It is for the government to make this clear to the Allies.

2. Report of ceremony at the Banca d'Italia. Long commentary by Vincenzo Bucci who claims that the policy of "State monopoly of money" which was so intensified under the fascists is essentially continuing under the present administration.

3. Bianco, Action Party leader, injured in motor accident in Naples.

4. Measures announced from Caracas to encourage Italian immigration into Venezuela.

5. Commissione Nazionale per la Stampa should have editors represented on it.

6. Student agitation. A large number met yesterday to ask publication of the armistice clauses before answering call to arms. They were interrupted by other students "with red neckties" clamoring for unconditional participation in the war.

7. Visit of Bonomi to [illegible] noted.

8. Drive on for blankets and clothing for devastated areas. House to house collections to be made beginning the 17th.

9. Statements of Sforza and Selvaggi on necessity of enthusiastic support of new army. Sforza says rumour of an armistice clause making Italy to supply men for objectives on which they will not be consulted is totally false. Palermo called attention to new measures for welfare of soldiers and family. He is desirous of doing all he can to improve lot of the soldiers; is grateful for cooperation of parties in making clear to the nation the vital necessity of carrying on the fight.

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2. The initiative for a greater contribution of Italy in the war must be supported by all Italians writes Popolo. It is perhaps

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the last opportunity the country will have to recover its dignity as a free nation. National agreement is necessary.

3. The State Department and the British Embassy in Washington have declared that temporary regulations would be made to increase the supplies which are to be sent to liberated Europe.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Fascism is dead. Profile partially is sceptical on the subject of a fifth column or neo-fascism. Fascism will not return. The reasons for popular discontent are two, nowadays: a) the spectacle of debates among parties are upsetting to those who have become used to one party rule; b) many people thoughtlessly hold the present Govt responsible for the hard economic conditions of today, not realizing that war and fascism are the real culprits. An answer to the first may be found in the recent statements of the C.L.N. It is clear that there is national unity in spite of party differences. And for the second matter the Allies should do all they can to satisfy the elementary needs of the population; the Govt is doing its best but needs help in this sphere.

2. Full coverage of speeches by Sforza and Bonomi and ceremonies at Bosco d'Italia. No comment.

3. State Department announces completion of agreement between U.S. and Britain on aid to liberated Countries.

ITALIA (Independent)

1. Ansaldi disagrees with Unita's comment on Croce's article: he writes that every act of the party of the people's front is based only on the fear of monarchy and on the ghosts of 'reaction'. Besides it is not to be expected that the people who have been oppressed will conflict with great strength, or that the people of North Italy who have been fascists or have had neutral relations will welcome with open arms an Army which comes to liberate them and then to put them in jail.

2. Speech of Senator Owen Brewster: the United States will extend their sphere of influence in the Far East, and leave to England the responsibility of territorial adjustments in Europe. U.S.A. will leave the decision to England and Russia.

3. Various incidents in the trains: it seems that inspired by passion for bowling, groups of youths cut the hair and take off the clothes of the women they find in the company of allied soldiers. Sometimes the money disappears or the watch precious.

UNITA' (Communist)

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2. Speech of Senator Ewen Brewster: the United States will extend their sphere of influence in the Far East, and leave to England the responsibility of territorial adjustments in Europe. U.S.A. will leave the decision to England and Russia.

3. Various incidents in the Press: it seems that inspired by passion for morality groups of youths cut the hair and take off the clothes of the women they find in the company of Allied soldiers. Handbags and money disappear on the same occasion.

Unita' (Communist)

1. Unita' emphasizes the painful situation of the soldiers who are sent from a military to a civilian hospital, i.e. to a vegetarian diet. An effort must be made to get sufficient supplies for the new Italian army; the youths who enlist must have arms to fight with.

2. Statement of Sulfa: 800.000 quintals of oil must be brought to the country.

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3. Attack against the Agnelli family. These profiteers are responsible for the fate of the Italian nation. They should be made to give back their millions, and must not hope to redeem themselves by giving emoluments for the civilian population.

4. Togliatti and Nenni approve of the vote for women.

5. It is about time for the country to be informed about what has been done for the organization of the administrative elections, and the inclusion of women in Electoral Lists.

6. Introna is as guilty of collaboration with the Fascists and the Germans as Azzolini was.

7. There are still spies in the offices of the P.S.

8. Fascists appear to have a very jolly time in Regina Coeli and to be fed mostly on abbacchio.

GENERAL

1. Fighting has not yet ceased in Athens.

2. Five hundred German civilians have been condemned to death for not preventing the Allied landing on the coasts of France.

3. Some articles about the Kaltenbrunner trial. It seems that the O.S.S. carried on political espionage.

4. Installation of Tittoni as directore of the Bank of Italy.

5. Various articles against the Socrense. Why is the Allied Commission for Press in such a hurry to solve the question of the Corriere di Roma ?

6. The Germans have not allowed Mussolini to choose Milan as his residence.

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ATTN.I

1. Fighting has not yet come in turns.

2. Five hundred German evacuees have been condemned to death for not preventing the Allied landing on the coasts of France.

3. Love articles about the North Pole. It seems that the S.I.F. carried on political espionage.

4. Installation of Tinmuni as director of the Bank of Italy.

5. Various articles against the Germans. Why is the National Commission for Peace in such a hurry to solve the question of the Corridor of Rome ?

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. The race between prices and salaries must come to an end, otherwise not only the benefits of the working classes will become increasingly illusory, but inflation will go on increasing. In other words it is high time to change round the problem; no longer increase of salaries but gradual and energetic suppression of those elements which chiefly influence the high cost of living. Proposals made on the subject by the C.G.I.L. have been sympathetically received by farmers. It is not true, as many think, that land workers are better off; they have to hand over to the "ammassi" at low prices, almost all their oil and cereals, keeping barely enough to feed their own families; cattle has greatly diminished; all products have gone on diminishing, owing to lack of fertilizers, shortage of tools and machinery, interrupted cultivation, etc. The ideal solution would be to manage to supply farmers - in exchange for soil products - with all those industrial necessities they mostly lack. In the Siena province such a solution is under experiment, with the help of the Allied Authorities. The example should be followed, writes qp.

2. Monsignor Costantini, President of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Art has been called to join the National Commission for reconstruction of buildings.

3. The CI di A. (Confederazione Italiana degli Agricoltori) has issued an order of the day expressing the belief that any change in the "mezzadria" system, at present, would disturb its equilibrium. Gradual demobilization of the "ammassi", and prices which will stimulate production, have been asked for.

4. Germans deny Mussolini the right to live in Milan.

5. Authorized and unauthorized guides, are both shamefully ignorant.

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7. Tomorrow the collecting of blankets for "sinistrati" will start. 5791

8. Gronchi and Paresce about to leave for Sicily in order to examine main economic and social problems of the island.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. It seems that the civilian population has been evacuated from Mantova owing to difficulty of supplying food.

2. At last a new party! The need for it was felt! It is the M.U.I. (Movimento Unionista Italiano) which wants Italy "to accept the American Democratic constitution, and to be united to the U.S. Italian citizens should have the same rights as Americans". We understand admiring U.S., says R., but we do not understand wanting to become one of its states.

3. Churchill's statement in the House of Commons: war will continue until the unconditional surrender of Germany.

4. Finocchiaro, on leaving for Sicily, declared that he would study the most urgent problems of the island.

5. G. Dalla Torre answers Di Vittorio, secretary of the C.G.I.L. who accused the Labour Democrats of "secessionismo", as if one could split a thing which is not yet united! By agitating the problem we work more directly for the syndicate's unity than the Confederation, which would like to impose it as a ready-made dress.

6. Delegates of farmers of several basic Provinces ask the competent authorities that distributions of chemical manures, seeds, etc. be made in time so as not to lose yet another season; they ask freedom of trade and transport.

7. "Quel toupet". It seems that Luigi Chiarini, ex-vice director of the Quadrivio, and ex-co-director at the Ministry of the Cultura Popolare, has asked to join the new Italian cinematographic organisation. His request has not been granted, however.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The British Government has shown great lack of comprehension towards the Italian people: there is no reason to emphasize the prestige of the Lieutenant or to say that Badoglio is a faithful servant of the monarchy; this hurts the feelings of the Italians who have revolted against those who are responsible for the disaster. Italians are ready to fight for the country, not for the monarchy, for the foundation of a new Europe, not for the preservation of the old Italy. The Italians must and want to fight for part of Italy is still occupied by the Germans, and because they want to contribute to the common victory by their sacrifices. (Urbanus)

2. Giovanni Conti attacks Pacelli which he accuses of playing a double game, and maintains that Rome is the source of all evil for Italian policy: corruption, inertia come from Rome, the Direction of the Parties, the

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3. Voce Repubblicana complains that the Minister of Treasury keeps five fascist institutes for trade at a time when trade is practically non-existent. The armistice clauses have entirely blocked Italian trade; even Bulgaria managed to get better conditions. The only way to rehabilitate trade is to respect free initiative, and the liberty of producing, trading, saving and lending.

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4. Commenting on the Rendering case, Voce Repubblicana says that the House of Savoi. tries hard to save its servants.

5. Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill will meet at the end of January, probably in the Middle East.

6. The English Labourists are not satisfied with the Greek truce, which did not solve any of the problems which make the situation dangerous. They are going to send a delegation to the Prime Minister to ascertain his intentions about Greece.

7. Russia has not invited De Gaulle to the Anglo-American-Soviet meeting.

8. Statement of Churchill: war will go on till Germany surrenders without conditions.

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3. Soleri, referring to criticism made of his attitude in yesterday's Avanti, says that he stated the occasion was not fitting for discussion of policy, not that he felt policy making was not his province.

4. Ufficio Stampa dell Presidenza held press conference, gave some statistics on recent disorders in provinces of Foggia and Agrigento.

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8. Complaint that the bonus given employees by Treasury Ministry last December is only for 1 part in 10 and unfairly distributed.

9. Cases and 1 more exports still to pass.

10. Announcement of student meeting "for a free participation of Italy in the war", to be held largely. Signed by Soci lists, Communists, P.D., and the Minister Bonomi.

IT.II. LIBYA. (Action)

1. The world to be drawn. Lot of oppression and violence, result in chaos, as on the Ionosphere, writes Professor Arcelli, citing cases from Ancient and Dark of present date. Disastrous symptoms of the reaction. Of course it will not end itself fascism - we may expect to find it lining behind the cloak of any party whose general program may suit its purposes - for example among the separatists or the neo statists or even Communists. Reaction, beginning in the South, would doubtless have a harder time than fascism in making headway in the North. Nevertheless the government should be on its guard. It should identify itself with the people (as the people and the C.L.N. are identified in occupied Italy) and act vigorously as the first line of defense against the forces of reaction. It is to be hoped that there is no similarity between the govt of Bonomi and that of Facta.

2. At Press Conference of Presidents it was announced that Ministries of Mines "do not prejudice territorial or colonial settlement". It Italy's future position will depend on contribution to war effort....is for the call to arms the labour is intended to equalize the contribution of men within the various regions are expected to differ to the war effort at this time and, by calling up younger men, to make it possible to release older classes.

3. Gen. Clark is said to have promised further supplies to patriots.

4. De Ligauro, recently named Commissario of I.N. should be removed, since I.L., as he is incompetent.

5. Rosetti is ill to be suffering from heart disease.

6. Gaetano De Sanctis returns to his post as U. of Rome.

IT.III. NEGV. (Descrit)

1. Since the recruiting posters have appeared one hears a great

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deal of talking about the war; as if it had just begun or was on the point of beginning. Communists and socialists think themselves the "inventors" of this war; but, says Lucifero, the war is Italian, and belongs to all Italians, and it must show the world that we can die for our Country; it is, besides the only hope we have of finding again - among common sacrifices and common misfortunes - that feeling of unity which is at present being disrupted by our innumerable miseries.

2. Commenting on the communiqué issued by the Ufficio Stampa of the Presidency, allowing the publication of the "Giornale del Mattino", Bonomi says the solution is a scandalous one; it is an insult to freedom of press. This "independent" organ will be controlled by the State, and it enjoys the maximum paper allowance. So, instead of the Corriere di Roma, which, for military reasons was supported by the Allies, we now have this new paper protected by the Italian Govt, to which will naturally go the greatest amount of publicity. All this, ends Bonomi, leads us to realize that after all Mussolini was only a small country journalist, compared with Avvocato Rossini; we hope nobody will underrate the ability of some pre-fascist men.

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3. De Gasperi, questioned whether he thought women should vote, said that they decidedly should; they deserve to, from the social point of view, and their sensibility could give a new direction to the political life of the Country. 5789

4. "Sud" reviews a book by Serrao on De Gaulle, which, he says, should be translated into Italian.

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5. The "metamorphosis of the Messengers". How can the Press Commission, asks il Popolo, set down conditions concerning the profits of a newspaper ?

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. During these last years all countries have given up their agricultural specialisations, and have endeavoured to produce a little of everything, from guns to medicines, from materials to razor blades. This fact has mostly damaged Western Europe which used to export all sorts of industrial products so as to import food for its population which cannot possibly live on what is produced in the zone. In other words, writes Prasca, this war - desired by Germany so as to conquer a great economic space for her industries - has only caused an enormous disaster to European economy. No Country will now want to risk again having to throw away or burn tons and tons of crops, just because nobody can buy them, or for lack of transport. A future equilibrium can only be founded, says the writer, if national egotism is abandoned.

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4. It is all very well to sequester the property of the Fascists, but many of them owned firms or factories, and this is causing a great deal of unemployment.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità comments on the C.L.N.'s claim for an Italian army: it expresses the will of the Italian nation, and asks the Chiefs of the great democracies to acknowledge the right of the Italian nation to fight the common enemy. It is more important to modify the armistice conditions than to know them, and they can only be modified by increasing the war effort. The defeat of Fascism has really been a victory for the Italian nation. At present, the Italians of liberated Italy must ask for the permission to fight; besides they must also ask for the nation to be put in such conditions as make fighting possible.

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4. The Suvich trial: he denies having participated in the murder of King Alexander, and says he advised Mussolini against making war.

5. Pinetirio has declared that the rebels will be punished; indulgence will be shown to those who have been deceived.

6. The famous "gangster" called " the hunch-back of Quarticciolo" killed by police.

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2. Candidus says that the Italians have given too effusive a welcome to the Allies, writes Carlo Sforza. It should be remembered that the Italians had been living in a kind of jail for twenty years. The majority of the Italians were antifascist; they were betrayed in accepting Fascism because they believed that it would re-establish order, and that law would again be the same for all. When war was declared against the Allies they had to fight, but the war of the Allies was always the secret war of the Italian people.

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3. The C.L.N. asks the Chiefs of the United Nations that Italy be authorized to have a national army, to contribute more efficaciously to the re-conquest of national independence and to the victory of liberty.

4. Statement of the Undersecretary of War: the Council of Ministers has approved a regulation by which the soldiers will have better food and their families a larger allotment. It will be impossible for the Allies not to acknowledge the efforts and sacrifices which the Italians have made at their side.

5. Something should be done about the trucks for civilian transport: their owners will not even discuss the question of prices and simply ignore the regulations made on this subject.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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No comment is needed, says C.C.A., except: Spur tion.

6. Open air gambling has diminished in the centre of Rome, but there is still too much going on in the suburbs.

7. Many measures are under study to allow cooperatives to help in distribution of food. But all this studying takes too long and meanwhile Romans must tighten their belts.

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[illegible] Fascist [illegible] but organized it, though we allies seem to have forgotten this) deserves no consideration. But the present Italy should receive very different treatment. It is to be hoped that the appeal of the C.L.N. (in yesterday's press) will lead to a re-examination of Hitler's position and to the repeal of the [illegible] terms which were meant for the other Italy. It serves no one's purpose, save Hitler's - certainly it is not in the best interests of France, Yugoslavia or Greece - to reduce an already bankrupt nation to "total despair".

2. Comment on Roatta trial. Cassinelli is up to his old tricks as is usual when it is going to postpone the trial. What is new to understand, is the extent to which Cassinelli himself, considering his record in the Fascist era and other matters, is still allowed to practise.

3. Statement of Ambassador Roatta is not to be taken for his behaviour in Yugoslavia or after the Armistice but solely for "common crimes" committed in the period of the special terroristic section (1 two disclosed).

4. Insofar article of Sulzberger on the "technical" attitude of the Govt towards the C.L.N. is true, I [illegible] and entrusted are wanted rather than "technique", says the writer.

5. An unfavorable impression has been created in financial circles by the rumors, now authenticated, that Podesta of Rome is [illegible] Sforza is now in Washington. It was felt that his presence may hamper the normal development of the delicate negotiations being carried on by Count Sforza.

6. Strictly [illegible] the new Italian Ambassador will soon be named. As to whether it would be [illegible] to say he could not say.

TOP SECRET (Action)

1. Leading article in support of C.L.N. declaration of yesterday. Firstly wants to mean, "without [illegible] discriminations" the Unity of democratic nations in a post-war Europe. ... it must be made clear that the new military formations which are to be the instrument of victorious democracy, can have no connection with the old army "condemned to failure in a [illegible] war". Those things being already understood the youth of liberated Italy will fight with the same zeal and devotion as the partisans.

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Answering to another question he said that Mussolini, Hitler and other great war criminals will be punished following common Allied decisions.

5. Colonel Clayton Lane, vice chief of the Allied Military Mission at the Italian Army has declared that all forces and reserves of the Italian Army are used by the Allies for immediate necessities of the war effort. But the Italians must realize, he went on, that with all the complications of modern war, the organization of a modern Army requires a very long time. I.N.'s comment: we thank for the kind words but we want to fight with arms in hand, and not only to help.

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2. Prime Minister Bonomi received the visit of Admiral Stone.

3. The Christian Democrat Party Head Quarters has sent a telegram to all its Committees urging all members to give publicity to the draft and to provide assistance to the families of those called to the colours.

4. A patriotic meeting at the University to be held this morning, to express the desire of all democratic and anti-fascist students to participate in an increased war effort.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. "When God created the world, the passage from chaos to order brought about a terrible discord; the same thing must happen in a social reorganization". These words by Chamfort should be remembered now by all those who are in too much a hurry to see everything set straight immediately. Has everyone forgotten the long German domination, and that domination still goes on in Northern Italy; that our whole country is devastated and destroyed? "Excuses" are inevitable, but Italy must and will be saved, says Alberto Albertini.

2. Those who are A.W.O.L. from military service will be punished very severely.

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2. Prime Minister Bonomi received the visit of Admiral Stone.

3. The Christian Democrat Party Head Quarters has sent a telegram to all its Committees urging all members to give publicity to the draft and to provide assistance to the families of those called to the colours.

4. A patriotic meeting at the University to be held this morning, to express the desire of all democratic and anti-fascist students to participate in an increased war effort.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. "When God created the world, the passage from chaos to order brought about a terrible disorder; the same thing must happen in a social reorganisation". These words by Chamfort should be remembered now by all those who are in too much a hurry to see everything set straight immediately. Has everyone forgotten the long German domination, and that domination still goes on in Northern Italy; that our whole country is devastated and destroyed? "Excesses" are inevitable, but Italy must and will be saved, says Alberto Albertini.

2. Those who are A.W.C.L. from Military service will be punished very severely.

3. "Abyssinians will administer their territory but British Counselors will remain". This, in a few words, is the summary of the Anglo-Abyssinian agreement. Federico Sp.d. goes through the history of the Italian conquest and loss of Abyssinia.

4. Antonio Baldini is shocked by the language one hears in mouths of little children; their preferred games are "thief and victim", "gangsters" and so on. This especially happens towards evening;

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perhaps a few street lamps would dissuade small boys from such games which are a sign of the present moral disintegration.

PUBLIC (Independent)

1. How is it possible to defend the Lira? What about the currency which is being issued in the North? It might be possible to differentiate the currency which is issued in liberated Italy from that of North Italy, but such a differenciation would have to be applied to all bank-notes which are at present in circulation in the liberated zone. There is always the risk that many deserving families would suffer by this operation for not having known in time about the new regulation.

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3. Railway transports should be entrusted to the Armed, for the cost of transport by railway being much lower than the cost of transport by truck, the consumers could buy wares and principally foodstuffs at much lower prices.

GENERAL

1. Statement of Tarchiani 'The Italian Government has no right to get back its colonies, but the fate of the said colonies must be studied'. Eden answered many questions about the Greek situation and finally

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said that the confidence shown by the British Government in the Regent came from its being convinced that the Archbishop could fulfil this difficult task better than any other man. - Eden regretted the publication in the 'Soviet War News' of the statement calling the Polish Government of London the 'Lackey of Hitlerian Germany'.

2. Mocrco, fascist "hierarch", arrested in Rescar..

3. More articles about the Roatta, Caracci, Infuso trial.

IL GIORNALE DEL PADRONE

1. Those who live in Rome and have not been away from it for a long time, are still surprised that they cannot just go to the station and step into a train. They must realize that owing, first to Allied bombing and then to German destruction and mining, almost the entire Italian railway system has been destroyed. The work to be faced was much more difficult than if it had to be started from the beginning, because of all the rubble which had to be removed. But, thanks to the Allies' help and to the good will and constant work of our people, writes Corbino, Minister of Transport, a great deal has been done. Hundreds of kms. of rails have been laended, bridges have been rebuilt, tunnels have been repaired, engines and cars have been put into working condition again. In Sicily and Sardinia all railways function already, and in Southern Italy 85 % of them.

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ATTENTION PARTIES

OBSERVATORE ROMANO - V. .

POPOLO DI (Independent Catholic) - Not available.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Statement of Col. Poyr, Vice President of A.M.I.A. : All Italian resources are being made use of by the Allies for the requirements of the war effort. Without the help of the Italian Army, especially of the pack trains, and of the engineer corps, the Allies couldn't have achieved their success in Italy.

2. Statement of Churchill : England doesn't need Italy anymore than she needs Spain because she has no ambition requiring the support of another such power. Great Britain plays the main part in Italy : the number of British divisions or of divisions under British control is three times greater than that of American divisions.

Nations must have the possibilities of deciding their own fate without being bullied by any city. This is England's policy towards Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece.

3. Fascism in the Western colonies : the riots were being started by various enterprises which pretended to be long years of public utility. (UNRRA)

4. It seems that Nazism is re-fast proclaiming bitter and merciless. A new 20th century Inquisition would have to go on for ages if all those who committed exposition were to be tried.

5. Press freedom means : largest responsibility for newspapermen. It is said that most pictures showing the bad living conditions of the suburban population of Rome were published in a weekly. If this paper will certainly get forth, it would have been more advisable to publish something that wouldn't be turned against the Allies.

6. Nenni had better not publish testimonies which only emphasized its inefficiency.

7. Much in normal times, to aid production of Italy is insufficient; this gives an even greater importance to the question of the moment.

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now system is necessary, and a deep knowledge of the times of the needs of the country and of international necessities.

2. The Director of the Gas Company has good hopes.....as have we.

3. At this morning's meeting the students declared that they all are willing to fight against nazi-fascism, but they ask that belligerency be carried into [illegible] their banner bear the words "War, yes, but not blindfolded".

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni's comment on Churchill's statement is as follows: it is not a question of whether England needs Italy or not, the point is that Italy has 45 million inhabitants and her destiny will inevitably affect the destiny of Europe. If sympathetically aided by England, under whose control she seems to be at the moment, to judge from Churchill's remarks, she will be able to solve her internal and foreign problems in a democratic way. If not she may be driven to what Churchill has called Trotskyism or back to exasperated nationalism. However, says Nenni, we should remember that Churchill is not necessarily England; he is a Tory and it is certain that neither the Labor party nor liberal opinion share his views as expressed yesterday. In any case new Italian democracy will go ahead with its program, war against Hitler and Mussolini, and against the residues of fascism at home.

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2. Bonomi spoke to the University Students reminding them of the generous traditions of the "Curtatone and Montanara battalions" which shed their blood for the Country. "Now, he ended, you must be prepared to sacrifice yourselves for the resurrection of Italy; we old people will be able to do much if we can see that within you there is real faith in the future".

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The students then asked that the University be closed so that all might answer the call to arms.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Pre-Fascist Italy. The political class which directed Italy in pre-Fascist days had many merits but it reached its peak at the time of Vittorio Veneto. It failed to understand the post-war period and was simply inadequate to deal with nascent Fascism. The lack of understanding, the incapacity to understand and hence to guide the people of Italy have of course become more marked as a result of the twenty years detachment from the political scene. Even in the technique of politics men of the pre-Fascist generation and mentality are hopelessly lost; they do not understand the means of modern government nor the dynamic character of modern democracy. It is from this point of view that the persistence of the Bonomi govt, essentially cut off from any real "rapport" with the new Italy, is dangerous. (De Nolfo)

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1. We agree with the decisions announced by Soleri and Einaudi, so long as they are carried out immediately, writes Vincenzo Lucci; the supreme Bank of the Country, though collaborating with the Govt, should maintain its independence; this is a very delicate

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situation, and the three men on whom lies the responsibility of the future economic condition of Italy, should keep in mind the following: the Minister of Treasury should not consider the Bank of Italy as a prodigal dispenser of money; the Minister of Finance should control the profits due to direct and intermediary exchange, and finally Einaudi should render productive the idle savings.

2. The Directive Council of the ANSA has been formed; the members are the directors of the following newspapers : Avanti, Italia Libera, Italia Nuova, Popolo, Risorgimento Liberale, Unità and Voce Repubblicana.

3. Italia Nuova does not agree with Col. Clayton Kerr's declaration that it would take one year to instruct Italians to the modern American arms; three months would be more then sufficient,and, ends the article, we hope the Allies will never have to regret this mistake.

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6. Today the acts of the Caretta trial will be decided.

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7. Yesterdey's assembly of University students was a success. It is sad though that some of them were found carrying revolvers, especially if one considers that the Police have no entry inside the University premises.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. "To obtain alliance? - To free our brothers of the North ? - For hatred against the Germans ?" These the questions one could hear yesterday at the University, among the numerous students. "We shall go, but we first want to know why" - "No, we shall go, just because we must go". This last has been, we believe, the sincerest and most conclusive answer. Restlessness was in all these young people who have found themselves in a wrong and lost war. How different from the students' meeting in 1915, when everyone shouted "Viva la Guerra". (A. Benedetti)

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. The State employees who are under arms get their whole salary, but the workmen only receive a subsidy which is quite inadequate for the needs of their families. The regulations should be the same in the case of the workmen as in the case of the employees. The Italian Government has clearly proved that

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it is doing everything to intensify the war effort. More than anything, Italy wants to fight at the side of the Allies. (Valic Spano)

2. It appears that on December 29th Badoglio made some statements to an American agency: it seems he said that the present Italian Government was only transitory, and not interested in the future of Italy, and that its ministers were only working in the interest of the various parties. - Smith thinks that such statements amount almost to treason. Badoglio is attempting to destroy authority, he also insinuates that the Government could be disloyal when he declares he considers the armistice clauses as definitive and is ready to defend them with his life.

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5. New Italian Banknotes which will substitute the am-lire and the present Italian p per currency are being printed in the United States.

6. America has new secret weapons.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Review of an article appearing in Giustizia e Libertà, on attitude of the Vatican towards Spain.

2. The offices of the Commissariato Alloggi will remain closed during a few days.

3. Emanuele Finocchiaro Aprile, President of the Rome Provincial Deputation, in an interview to the A.M.G.A. revealed the critical situation of all the Hospitals of the Province; the situation, in this cold weather, is even worse, owing to complete lack of fuel and coal. Urgent provisions, by competent authorities, are necessary.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. The future world organisation: A Confederation of Sovereign States could hardly answer the requirements for a lasting peace. A World Federation would mean that the myth of sovereignty is over. If a world federation means a lasting political and economic peace, the price of this peace will be paid by the rich countries, through a lowering of their standard of living, but the result will be worth the price. (Vittorio Marrama)

2. The Provincial Office for Alimentation of Viterbo still dates its letters Anno XXII.

3. Ferruccio Lubrani comments on the duty of a lawyer. The defendant whatever his faults may be, has a right to be defended.

4. Advocate Santoro asks the Roatta trial to be postponed because adv. Cassinelli who was also to defend General Roatta has been epurated.

5. It is easier to get Camel cigarettes in Rome than in the States.

6. The Minister of Justice has issued strict regulations for the punishment of assaults and offences such as robbery and burglary.

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2. The offices of the Commissariato Alloggi will remain closed during a few days.

3. Emanuele Pinocchiaro Aprile, President of the Rome Provincial Deputation, in an interview to the A.N.S.A. revealed the critical situation of all the Hospitals of the Province; the situation, in this cold weather, is even worse, owing to complete lack of fuel and coal. Urgent provisions, by competent authorities, are necessary.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. The future world organization: A Confederation of Sovereign States could hardly answer the requirements for a lasting peace. A World Federation would mean that the myth of sovereignty is over. If a world federation means a lasting political and economic peace, the price of this peace will be paid by the rich countries, through a lowering of their standard of living, but the result will be worth the price. (Vittorio Marrama)

2. The Provincial Office for Alimentation of Viterbo still dates its letters Anno XXII.

3. Ferruccio Luzzi comments on the duty of a lawyer. The defendant whatever his faults may be, has a right to be defended.

4. Advocate Santoro asks the Roatta trial to be postponed because adv. Cassinelli who was also to defend General Roatta has been epurated.

5. It is easier to get Camel cigarettes in Rome than in the States.

6. The Minister of Justice has issued strict regulations for the punishment of assaults and offences such as robbery and burglary.

7. States it has not attacked syndical unity and is not attempting to organise any Party syndical movement.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Every day a new surprise: there are too many things in our politics that we do not understand, and too many that we understand perhaps too well. Azzolini has been condemned to 30 years for having handed over to the Germans all the gold of the Bank of Italy; Introna, who wanted to hand over only half of it, has been

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made General Director of the Bank, and Einaudi calls him "fido tra i fidi"; and Podestà, old and well-known Fascist politician, has been sent to America with the Italian economic Mission. We want more seriousness. The lira may be devaluated, but Italy must not be too much devaluated. C.Z.

2. Among the many gyrations of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, undoubtedly the most serious thing he has done till now is to transmit the unanimous desire of Italian political organizations to intensify Italy's war effort. It is said that just at the same moment Churchill should have been pronouncing himself against Italy. According to him there is no future political grouping or combination in which Italy's co-participation is visualized. If Churchill still had, as in 1935, an unlimited admiration for Mussolini, he could not have behaved differently, says R. Pacciardi. But notwithstanding Churchill's open enmity, Italy must have faith in herself. Churchill does not represent the whole of British opinion.

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3. Tunisia must not be an apple of discord. Though, according to Alfonso Errera, the French in Tunisia are not of the same mentality as the new France of De Gaulle. They are old fashioned reactionaries, most of them collaborationists and now they are giving the local Italians very unfair treatment.

4. On Cassinelli's suspension Avanti remarks that there is no reason to delay the trial since Roatta has another lawyer.

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5. Poli must not be named to Guardia di Finanza. His fascist record is cited.

6. Account of police brutality in Quarticciolo raid followed by rather sympathetic sketch of "il gobbo".

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. The decree (council of Ministers of the 18th) by which patriots are considered as regular soldiers, is a sign of the "new wind"which is blowing in this feverish Country.

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6. In addition to bands of gangsters in Rome there is one in Tivoli and another in Civitavecchia, both terrorizing the local populations.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Italian participation in the war effort cannot be conditioned by our future relations with the Allies, for these relations cannot evidently be made clear until the end of the war. From the international point of view no conditions should be made, because war is the logical step which should have followed immediately the fall of Fascism, on the 25th of July '43. (Carlo Sforza)

2. It seems that the financier Podestà will be called back to Italy, following the attacks brought up against him by the North-American anti-fascist newspapers. (S.I. News Agency)

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2. Two entirely different kinds of life are being lead at the same time in the same city, says Giuseppe Sala. There are the various types of rich men, parvenus of the other war, those enriched by Fascism and the modern "camionettisti", all leading

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a comfortable life. And there are those who work hard from morning till night. These two worlds are not aware of each other. As long as they do not meet, a real social revolution will not take place.

4. Democracies express themselves through a variety of political parties, states Salvator de Madariaga in the "Spectator" and on this ground he asks Gen. France to get out of the way for his system of one party only cannot be democracy. But Russia and Turkey have only one party and yet they are Allies of the Democracies.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Tempo points out the importance of the regulation by which the partisans are considered as soldiers; this is the first step towards the acknowledgement of the real anti-Fascist forces. The ranks in the partisan army will also be recognized. Nevertheless the partisan army should be epurated for many common offenders take the name of partisan. - The training period of the volunteers will be as short as possible.

2. Washington accepts the nomination of Parchiani.

3. The statement of Churchill 'we don't need Italy anymore than we need Spain for we do not have any problems requiring the support of such powers' has been quoted without its context. The 'problems' which Churchill refers to cannot mean the 'problem' of the war, with which Spain has nothing to do. It is obvious that Churchill means the political problems of the future, hinting that he does not mean to maintain a heavy influence either on Italy or on Spain, and that these two powers won't have to play an exclusively 'English' part in the system of the future European relations.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Velio Spano complains about the behaviour of the Carabinieri towards the Communists in general and in particular during the Quarticciolo incident.

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2. Cassinelli is a living example of Fascist corruption, writes Unità.

3. It is sometimes difficult to explain to the workmen what difference there is between a fascist ex-manager and a new unknown commissioner. The authorities should see that the appointment of the commissioners should be as little undemocratic as possible.

4. Minister Gullo has abolished shooting reserves in Maccarese.

GENERAL

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5. First day of recruiting; those born during the first four months of 1924 turned up; after a few days in the Bianchi barracks, they will be sent to the Italian Command south of Rome.

6. Shortage of models? We cannot really sympathise with painters and sculptors in this period of shortage of much more vital things, as food, light, gas, etc.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. G. Conti writes that we are now facing a painful moment in Italian life. The new army which should symbolize the new spirit is still to be the "royal army" full of arrogant monarchist officers of the old school. However it will be impossible to repress the republican temper of the soldiers. The Italian people will see to it.

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5. More details on the Machiavellian doppio-giuoco of Remondino.

6. Arangio Ruiz favours woman suffrage. Thinks it is even worth delaying the administrative elections if necessary, to make sure they get the vote.

7. Scuole elementari in sorry state. No windows, no heat, need cleaning, etc. Further, requisitioning has kept schools closed to children in some places for nearly a year (Torpignattara for example), and many teachers were wearing black shirts not so long ago. (G. Licciardello)

8. More on the Gobbo. It is suspected that he was merely the tool of people of a far different social position.

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5. More details on the Machiavellian doppio-giuoco of Remondino.

6. Arangio Ruiz favours woman suffrage. Thinks it is even worth delaying the administrative elections if necessary, to make sure they get the vote.

7. Scuole elementari in sorry state. No windows, no heat, need cleaning, etc. Further, requisitioning has kept schools closed to children in some places for nearly a year (Torpignattara for example), and many teachers were wearing black shirts not so long ago. (G. Licciardello)

8. More on the Gobbo. It is suspected that he was merely the tool of people of a far different social position.

9. There is a conspiracy to discredit the Republican Party; there has even been an attempt to print false membership cards. But people should know that there is nothing sinister about the party; its program and its actions are clear and above-board.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The trial of Suvich, Roatta, etc. is really the trial of Mussolini's foreign policy which was inevitably connected with sabotage and terrorism. (Nenni)

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2. At Viterbo the Carabinieri have fired on the people. This must stop, says A.

3. There is a Fascist circle openly organized in Tropea (Catanzaro). Is the Minister of Interior going to take no action?

4. Appeal to the youth of Italy to join up. Regardless of Churchill or of calculating policy of statecraft, this is a high duty.

5. The "Gobbo" is probably more to be pitied than blamed; the active part he took in the fight against Germans should anyhow be remembered; and after the departure of the Germans he had got so fond of his guns and machine-guns that he had to go on using them; a feeling of revolt is also comprehensible, if one keeps in mind the tragic living situation in Quarticciolo and other similar suburbs. (Ugo Zatterin)

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6. Chicco asks to join the Army as volunteer.

7. Article by Leopoldo Elia on complete destruction of church steeples, at Rano, which represented a glorious past and a glorious civilisation.

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8. Romans will have to be contented with "Shank's mare" as no improvement is foreseen in the transport situation.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Liberty cannot be kept on a leash. The two problems before us, writes Francesco Fancelli, are whole-hearted prosecution of the war and democratic reconstruction of the country. These are not by any means contradictory although at times they can be made to seem so. The best agency for uniting these efforts is the C.L.N. and it is necessary to call a national convention of this body as soon as possible. The war cannot be fought with technical means alone and the C.L.N. is the "political current of national revival" which can authoritatively shape the spirit of the nation to the needs of the moment. Further, there is need of some national body since, as is well known, Rome is somewhat isolated politically from the rest of the country.

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now ask themselves what the Govt is doing; in foreign policy it shows an uncertainty and unsettled line; after Churchill's speech it should have immediately found a word to reassure us.

2. South American diplomats will soon take up their posts in Italy.

3. The ANITA has openly taken position against EMAC; the "autotransportatori" have asked Corbono for a revision of the measures already adopted or on the point of being published. May we note at this point, says Doto, how nice it is to be allowed, under a democratic regime, to tell a Minister, in a public meeting, that he is wrong. Too much has been said and written on the argument, however, but the competent authorities don't seem to realize the urgency of solving it. What will the Minister decide and do ?

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3. What we suffer is nothing compared to the privations of those who lost everything by the war, writes Diogene. We must realize that hundreds of our brothers are nearly dying for lack of everything. As true Christians all of us must give something to relieve them.

4. The Minister of War sent a message to the new enlisted men.

5. A propos of tomorrow trial Il Popolo gives short biographies of the more prominent among the defendants. Other trials against Fascist gerarchi will follow shortly.

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6. Gas rationing should be proportioned to the number of the members of the family, writes a reader. And gas should be available at any hour of the day.

7. Leaflets went round in the Esquilino district, asking capital punishment for night gas robbers.

8. A reader writes in support of FRUTTAPORT which supplies the population with oranges at a lower price. Il Popolo agrees.

9. Rome Radio will shortly go under Italian Jurisdiction. Corrado Alvaro will be the director of the Radio journal. Plans are being made for its reorganisation and improvement.

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5. Electricity turns could be respected if electric stoves were not being used in offices.

6. One of the blocks on the Libertine road, not only has never been abolished, but its agents are lodged in a nice "villino" where they treat themselves rather too well; their larder is packed full of all sorts of food that we have not seen for long months.

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7. In this period of shortage of school premises, one school is going to be closed because the proprietor wants his house for other uses. What has the silent sindaco to say about this?

8. On the occasion of the return to Italian administration of the Radio, Croce made a speech, through Radio London, expressing his hope that the new Italian management will make people forget all the lies of the fascist programs.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Most important industrial enterprises belong to Companies, the capital of which is socialized. There would be no essential changes if the workmen owned the enterprises. The benefit which was individual wouldn't become social. Public interest must be enforced by a superior power, that of the State. At the present moment such an attempt would be bound to fail, for 2/3 of the productive organs have been destroyed, and it would only mean burdening the State with new responsibilities.

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2. Agreement between Russia and Norway: Norway asks for more supplies and equipment.

3. For the first time since De Gaulle and the National Committee have been acknowledged as temporary government, France participates in a secret meeting of the Advisory Council for Europe.

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4. The Government of Lublin has thanked Stalin and the Red Army for the liberation of Warsaw.

5. Corrupted Press has no right to exist. Behind new papers appear the 'sinister shadows' of the Perrones and the Scaleras. No papers should be authorized, except in cases of absolute necessity. (for instance the daily paper of the C.G.I.L.)

6. Incidents in Graffignano: the Carabinieri fire at the crowd without provocation writes Unità.

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4. Exchange of views between Roosevelt and La Guardia on the Italian situation; progress has been made in the preparation of plans concerning Italy's industrial and agricultural rebirth. O'Dwyer sent to the White House a memorandum stating Italy's urgent need of wheeled material for her railways, trucks, coal, merchant boats, leather and clothing material. Definitive agreements on the amount of relief to send to Italy will probably be reached soon.

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5. Price of news-papers doubled from today.

6. Casati, Minister of War, spoke to the recruits, urging them to put all their enthusiasm and good will in their effort to give back to Italy her "austerity and honesty"; he promised all those who are on the point of joining the National Army that measures will be taken to help their families.

7. France has taken part for the first time in a meeting of the Advisory Assembly for Europe.

8. The representatives of E.A.M. are soon going to meet the representatives of the Plastiras Government.

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3. In Germany, Italian soldiers have been interned as rebels and traitors. They are gathered in concentration camps without any assistance, lacking the most essential commodities.

4. According to the interpretation of some newspapers, when a group of rioters throw a bomb, it is an incident; when police agents try to protect themselves against more bombs, they are said to murder the people with great ferocity.

5. Why should only the administration be epurated? Epuration must be done equally for all; all the profiteers of the regime, with or without a card must be epurated. At present, Public Administration is getting more and more disorganized. (Mario Grisolia)

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6. Ruini inaugurated a system of control of the electric power plants. The Minister has thanked the Allied Commission for its collaboration.

7. Interview with Salvarezza a propos of the murder of the 'Hunchback': Salvarella says he knows many things but will not speak, for important 'personalities' who tried to buy his silence are involved in the case.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Comment by Pacciardi on the Suvich-Roatta trial; it reveals a shameful chapter in Italian history. It is true that Italy was not the only nation involved in the Fascist conspiracy against civilisation, but she had the leading role. The country must wipe out this memory and the trial should be given wide publicity that all may know the depth of Fascist degradation and that all may see Italians are anxious to expiate... It is only regrettable that the trials are not more inclusive; there are others even more responsible than Roatta or Suvich.

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2. Fascism in the schools. Is a constant menace and must be mercilessly repressed, writes Sub**e**lpino. Even in the University of Rome it must be noted with regret that the 12 professors who did not take the Fascist oath were reinstated not by right but by privilege. And Buonaiuti has not yet been allowed to return.

3. First meeting of the Lavoratori della Terra of Rome province held on Sunday. Resolutions passed for more intensive organization of farmers and closer collaboration with the Camera del Lavoro. At the same time the first decision of the Commissione Provinciale for the concession of uncultivated land to the peasants was handed down, giving to the cooperative "La madre terra" of Rome portion of land which had been contested by the owners. The concession is to last 4 years and is conditioned by yearly payments to owners etc.

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2. In destroying the basis of safety in Europe, Fascism has destroyed Italian independence, that now, with effort and labour, we must reconstruct. The crimes committed by the Roatta gang were crimes against Italy; we now ask for pitiless justice against Roatta and Co. (Aldo Garosci)

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3. One of the gravest vices of our bureaucratic order, which has paralyzed all the efforts I understood as Minister - writes De Ruggero - is the disproportionate intervention of the Ministry of Treasury in all State Administrations. Even epuration, which should have been carried out speedily, was, and is, hampered by the Ministry of Treasury to which all proposals go for approval, and by which very few are approved, after long delays.

4. Rationing of fish will be discussed at the meeting starting today at the Ministry of Agriculture

5. The U.D.I. (Italian Womens League) has obtained the reopening of three schools.

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3. A "giornata di solidarietà" to be observed in honor of soldiers and partisans on the 13 Feb. Headed by Scoccimaro, Minister for Occupied Italy, the special committee will have representatives from partisans and veterans organizations etc.

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4. Even though the future status of Libya is doubtful the government should take up with the Allies the question of repatriating refugees from Libya. Their condition is pitiful; families have been separated and children without their parents' care are growing up in delinquency - that is those who are growing up at all for many have died and many more will without proper care.

5. Comment on Gobbo case. The police should proceed vigorously to follow up the threads, no matter where they lead. Statement of Salvarezza who says he gave no interview to any evening paper, did not invite the "gobbo" to talk to him and that he will give a press conference to tell people "the truth"... Govt communiqué on case, defending behavior of Carabinieri, is published.

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8. Teachers of secondary schools are still waiting for last June indemnity. If workers were not paid even for a few days what would happen ? But teachers like a quiet life.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Brosio, speaking at Aquila, spoke of the moral and political reasons which must induce us to increase the war effort; everyone

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must answer the call to arms, - he said, and epuration must be continued. He then spoke about the Consultative Assembly, the Administrative elections, the vote to women, and ended by referring to the work done by the inter-ministerial committee for reconstruction, and emphasizing the necessity of a free, civilized and pacific democracy.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. What is the German Government waiting for if it has lost faith in its army? Its only hope lies in the difficulties in which liberated States got involved, and in disagreement among the Allies. The Russians are fed up with the Germans; they do not think that destroying Fascists is an amusing pastime, but it has to be done, for otherwise there will be no peace. (Ilya Ehrenburg)

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7. Interview with a Capuchin friar who was in prison with Ciano and the other rebel hierarchs.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. A propos of the Quarticciolo episode, Velio Spano says that the commander of the police forces, lies and that he will prove it in due time. Information obtained from "authentic patriots" enables us to state categorically that the prefect of Viterbo is also lying. (this a propos of the Graffignano incidents)

These are not isolated facts; the carabinieri are provoking the people; reactionary incidents of fascist violence take place all over Italy. The life of the provinces, of the villages, sometimes of the towns is still dominated by reactionary gangs and rich landowners.

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4. Tram fares doubled.

5. Thirteen new daily newspapers to appear shortly, namely:

La Capitale	-	director Campanelli.
La Tribuna del Popolo	-	" Natale.
Libera Stampa	-	" Santucci.
L'Epoca	-	" L. Ropaci.
Il Lavoro	-	" Grandi, Di Vittorio and Lizzadri.
Il Momento	-	" T. Smith.
Il Globo	-	" Vaccaro.
Il Progresso Economico	-	" Termelli.
Il Secolo XX	-	" Ravà.

The following weeklies will become dailies:

L'Opinione	-	director Zanotti.
Voce Operaria	-	" D'Aloia.
La Patria	-	" Ministero della Guerra.
Il Dovere	-	" Dovere.

The following will appear in Naples:

Il Paese	-	director Pistolese.
L'Azione	-	" Arpino.
Il Pungolo	-	" Petrone.

In Catanzaro:

Risveglio	-	" Cedesoni.

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3. Rome of today. Melancholy survey of the decline of morals and manners. People will do anything merely to live. Piazza Barberini and Via Veneto are cited as scandalous spots. There must be a moral reaction to this state of affairs or the city will reach a new depth of degradation. (e.b.)

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4. Account of charity on behalf of the sinistrati by the parishes of Rome.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. The separatist movement in Sicily started as soon as the Allies landed in the island; it was received with indifference. Neither the Badoglio, nor the Bonomi Government did much about it. Sicily is not represented in the Government and nobody has bothered about the fate and needs of the island. Sicily has been sacrificed to the interest of more powerful regions. Important private interests contributed to promote separatism, but nowadays, the majority of the Sicilians are in favour of autonomy. The Sicilian problem would be solved by proclaiming ample autonomy: political autonomy as well as administrative autonomy; it must be the guarantee of absolute social justice. (Virgilio Nasi)

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Germany, but as a desire to know the clauses of Italy's armistice and to fight under anti-Fascist officers.

2. Americans know that a policy based on strength does not bring about a world peace, said Green, speaking on "foreign policy of labour".

3. In the general pattern of Italian reconstruction the importance of civil aviation must not be forgotten. Main point, to solve its problem, is to give it complete autonomy.

4. Prize Competition for monographies on Italian Regions; profits to go to the funds for Italian Republic.

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4. Finally the government has acted and settled the affairs of the INA. Avanti comments that though the new commission is made up of good and able men (with one exception, a man who was once a "teacher of Fascist mysticism in Naples") there is not among them a real expert in insurance matters. A good Direttore Generale must therefore be found, capable of correcting the errors of the unhappy Commissario, who has now been dismissed.

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5. The trail of the "gobbo" leads to the Unione Proletaria, a very suspicious organization with one Salvarezza at the head - already under various charges of common crimes. The life and surroundings of this fellow have all the color of an Edger Wallace thriller; the case is not without its comic side. Nonetheless the police, having set up the raid, must not now stop until they have followed up all the threads.

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attention, and trained officers are essential.

2. Preliminaries under way for "Big Three" meeting. Eden and Stettinius are to have conference before meeting Molotov. U.P. dispatch: Shah of Persia will be happy to have the Big Three meet in his Country.

3. Comment on Bergami's speech: "Excellency, hunger won't wait".

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4. Personnel of the S.R.E. ask that all salaries be increased by 2000 lire as salaries of other similar companies have been.

5. The G.C.I.L. has informed the C.D.L. of Naples that following negotiations, it has obtained and increase of pay to all workmen of the Province.

6. Preliminary agreement reached between the ATAC and the Cadenettisti.

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IL POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Guido Gonella, summarising the editorial by Walter Lippmann in the Sunday Times, stresses that part of it which deals with Italy. No equilibrium in the Mediterranean can be reached until Italy's status is settled. No sound contribution to the war effort, no real authority of its Government can be expected if a proper treaty dealing with all its problems is not drawn up. "To make peace with Italy" is fundamental for a sound European reorganisation. But men in London and Washington are too tired, concludes sadly W. Lippman, and G.G. agrees with him.

2. Discussing Salvemini's article on the Italian frontiers with Yugoslavia, Sen. Pitacco points out: a) that the Alpi Giulie were recognized as Italy's natural boundaries by Wilson himself; b) that up to 1921 Slav minorities had their members of parliament and their own schools; c) that Salvemini's statistical data on population are wrong; d) that integrity of Venezia Giulia is a right acquired by Italy through history.

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2. Federico Spada tells how Herriot failed to become Laval's successor. A detailed account of the President's last adventure with the Germans is given.

3. The widow of Carlo Rosselli states that she can bring forth evidences of Mussolini's responsibility in her husband's murder.

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4. The "Stella Romana" (Rome Naples through train) arrived a few minutes before schedule, writes Arrigo Benedetti. He then describes the train trip to Naples.

5. Description of awful conditions of patients in Rome hospitals. Everything is lacking, from food to medicine, heating, blankets and so on.

6. It is said that another attempt against Selvarezza's life was made yesterday. But no details could be obtained from the police. There seems to be some rivalry between Carabinieri and Questura. It should be stopped.

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2. The first meeting of the Italian Confederation of Agriculturists has taken place. The agriculturists are selfish

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and reactionary; they have no sense of human solidarity or of duty. They have forgotten that they have created and supported Fascism.

3. The duty of the police is to prevent and not to provoke violence. Instead the Carabinieri 'murder a peaceable citizen... whose only fault was to be a Communist'.

GENERAL

1. King Peter has asked Milan Crpil to form a new government. The dismissal of Subasic amounts to the rejection of the Tito-Subasic agreement. The new situation has been created without the British Government being consulted. The British Government takes the part of Subasic against the decision of King Peter.

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12. Bergami, High Commissioner for Alimentation, during yesterday's press conference, announced that one general direction will take the place of the two pre-existing ones, for alimentation as for rationing. Organization of Cooperatives, Enti di Consumo, Monse, etc. will be facilitated, and so will interregional

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exchanges, and collaboration with the UNRRA. Regional Commissioners will help in solving the difficult problem of limiting export from the Provinces. Plans are being drawn up to obtain from the Allies permission to get food from foreign markets, to make the producing population accept the same price for export as for local sale, to provide food at lower prices for people who have low fixed incomes. Oil and wheat rationing will be decided later on.

13. Mario Appelius denounced to the High Commissioner for sanctions against Fascism.

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2. Good living conditions of the troops which are operating with the VIIIth Army.

3. Having been asked whether German populations would be transferred after the war, George Hall answered that this question cannot be solved till the hostilities are over.

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1. Report of the American Labour Federation: In Italy, the workers of the liberated areas have rapidly formed free syndical organizations. It is not yet possible to say anything about the economic, political and social situation of the country taken as a whole, for great industrial zones have not yet been liberated. The American Labour Federation must support the democratic elements of the Italian workers' movement; it must be made clear to the Italians that America will not support a policy which would either dismember their country nor will she enforce upon them a Government to which they should be irrevocably opposed.

2. Good living conditions of the troops which are operating with the VIIIth Army.

3. Having been asked whether German populations would be transferred after the war, George Hall answered that this question cannot be solved till the hostilities are over.

4. The students having again gone on strike, the schools of Reggio Calabria will be closed till February 18th.

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5. Scoti, recently repatriated from Switzerland has been appointed Secretary General of the High Commissariat for sanctions against Fascism.

6. It is said that Maritain has been appointed French Ambassador to the Holy See.

7. There should be less talk about the 'Camionette' and more facts. The population asks for less expensive prices.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Still our war. Urbanus writes that Italians are still not satisfied that they are fighting their war. They have fought one war already and sacrificed themselves for objectives that were not truly theirs; they want to fight this one but they want to be sure it is for their real aims. They ask that they be given the right to fight for the common cause - and this right has not yet been given them. The appeals of the C.L.N. and the government remain unanswered. What has the government done to translate into action the will of the people?

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2. Harold Laski, Chairman of the British Party Conference has sent Nenni a message in which he reveals his hope that the Congress may have been a first step towards reconstruction of the Socialist Internationale.

3. A group of Socialist belonging to various Nations, has

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issued in London a monthly review, called "The Left News" in which it proclaims that either Socialism will be Internationalism or it will not exist at all. It recently published declarations of the Atlantic Charter, on Spain, on Italy and on the Future Internationale. The one dedicated to Italy contains the list of all Italian Socialist and Democratic victories and ends by saying that it is not enough to congratulate Italy for those victories, but that she must also be helped out of the paradoxical and contradictory situation in which she finds herself at present.

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3. Approves UNITA's remarks of 24 January on the advisability of limiting number of papers and having one C.L.N. daily in every city and one weekly for each of the parties.

4. Rumour of Saraget's being named as Italy's representative in Paris.

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5. Still on the gobbo case. I.E. is sceptical about many of the rumours but feels police should not only push investigations but report on their findings. One Col. Pecorelli of the Carabinieri has stated that there is no evidence to connect Salvarezza with the gobbo....Meanwhile preparations are being made for another round up of bandits.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. On the new individualism. Carlo Bini quotes Rosselli on the masses, describing them as "brutal, ignorant, impotent, feminine, the prey of easy talkers or men of money". Indeed the whole war against Fascism may be said to be a reassertion of human and individual rights as against the conception of mass domination. The Four Freedoms would seem to indicate that. It is discouraging to find in the "negative elements" of the present political situation the same characteristics that one had accepted as Fascist; passivity and lack of will power in the great masses, fear of real free reforms, a servile and herd-like spirit. For if the new freedom means anything it must be based on the concept of the individual; not, to be sure, the individualism of the 19th century which depended on privilege but a wider and healthier individualism, conscious of social duties as well as rights.

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8. Heavy type comment on the gobbo case. There is still too much mystery. "If Italy were really a free and democratic country the magistracy would already have taken over the affair and would proceed without regard to personalities or political parties"... Report of a letter written by Salvarezza to the Questore claiming that he and the members of his party must carry arms because they have been frequently the victims of raids on the part of the Communists who have been trying to break into offices of the Unione Proletaria. Naturally, says I.N. a private citizen who has to go

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about armed would be unimaginable in a democratic country.

9. On the Cassionette. The matter should be solved expeditiously.

10. Further bitter remarks on the profiteering of certain farmacie.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Giuseppe Di Vittorio points out the importance of the CGIL Congress opening in a few days in Naples; it will be the first popular assembly with a national character, composed of delegates elected democratically; the CGIL is the greatest and most democratic of Italian organisations, so the Congress will undoubtedly be the most direct and free expression of the will of the great working masses; it will study the solution of problems of the greatest importance, as those of nationalising monopolies and eliminating latifundia.

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4. Segni, Undersecretary for Agriculture, in his address at the second Agricultural meeting, spoke of the necessity of increasing cattle production in the less devasted areas.

5. In Naples 40 Grms of coffee, in Rome 25 newspapers. For professional solidarity we do not comment on the fact, but we cannot help agreeing with Unità terming it a press "elefantiasi".

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6. Gronchi, Minister of Industry, Labour and Commerce, visited industrial plants at Isola del Liri and Sora and addressed the workmen, stating the necessity of restarting work and promising Government support.

7. Whenever AFAC pokes its nose somewhere, things seem to go wrong. That is what is happening with the "commenattisti". After all the Allies asked AFAG only to control distribution of petrol.

8. The Questore said that he is not interested in the Salvarezza's case. But Il Popolo is doing its own investigations and it looks as if this attitude of the Questura were wrong.

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2. De Gasperi underlined the very difficult situation in which the financial clauses of the armistice have put Italy. Last October, Roosevelt said that Italy would get a credit in for the amount of the pay of the American troops in Italy. No action has yet been taken writes Tempo. Besides, the British Government has not agreed to do the same, and yet the number of the British forces amounts to three times the number of the American ones. It is to be feared that inflation might reach its extreme limits as in Greece under German occupation. If Italy is completely ruined, the Allies will have lost a battle on moral as well as on material ground.

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3. There is no paper in Naples, but Rome has 26 daily papers. Nobody seems to realize that there are only five printing offices (for daily papers) in Rome which can produce from 12 to 14 newspapers, and nothing more.

4. What will be the fate of the lira? Tempo considers the financial situation of Belgium and Greece and also of Germany and Russia after the last war. The future of the lira is closely linked to Italy's capacity for rehabilitation, which the Allies must not hamper.

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3. The Council then examined and approved a number of decrees concerning ordinary administration; among them one which renders

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compulsory the restitution of furniture and other objects belonging to the State, and one assigning food indemnities to families of employees transferred in Northern Italy; it also decided to suppress the Ente Stampa, created by Fascism, and approves of a decree on increased pay to the Navy.

4. The classes which have been called under arms are answering the draft regularly.

5. A conference of the German Supreme Command took place. It seems that every effort will be made to defend the Oder line, to save the industrial area of Silesia. - Whether Hitler participated in the conference is not known. - It is possible that the German troops may leave North Italy.

6. The Yugoslav Government in London and all Yugoslav Associations have asked Dr. Subasic to proceed with his work and to enforce the agreement made with Tito.

7. It is said that the Germans intend to turn Milan into a second Stalingrad.

8. According to U.P. dispatch Roosevelt is said to be in favour of separating Ruhr and Rhine-Land from Germany.

9. According to the "Associated Press" a German Mission presided over by Von Papen, is said to be in Madrid so as to see what peace conditions Germany might obtain.

10. Bocri, recently repatriated from Switzerland has been appointed General Secretary of the High Commissariat for sanctions against Fascism.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The first world war threw down the bastions of monarchy; this

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second war should demolish the remnants of monarchy, writes Facciardi. He reviews the different States analyzing the reasons why they cannot consent to be ruled by Kings again. Only a Republic will enable Italy to join the modern life of Europe.

2. Complaint of the way recruits are treated by "monarchic" officers and on conditions in barracks.

3. The group of people which is studying the problem of European reorganisation and which has already published notes of economic reconstruction and on inter-European communications, is now issuing notes on European Economic Council.

4. Answers Italia Libera's article on Foreign Commerce (see yesterday's digest under Italia Libera Par 2) saying that every doctrine or system presents difficulties in its application, but that these difficulties are smaller under a free regime than under a controlled one.

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4. The Questore of Rome, interviewed by "Orbis", declared that the Salvarezza case does not concern him. "It is - he said - a matter between S. and the parties, and we have nothing to do with it". Avanti then publishes a long list of the various accusations brought up against S. since 1923. And now we learn that S. wants to make important declarations to the Press. This "gentleman" really behaves as if he was already at the head of the Ministry of the Interior.

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2. Long article by M. Tricomi on "democratizing the ruling class". He suggests facilitating entrance into the universities for chosen members of the "proletariat" with special examinations and without the usual technical qualifications. Some thing analogous

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to what is done in the Church orders or in the military schools. I.L. agrees but thinks the problem is larger than visualized by Tricomi.

3. Police raid in Via Giubbonari netting a dozen cases of arms and munitions. Followed by more comment on Salvarezza. One Tommasi of the Veterans' Party explains his relations with Salvarezza as purely formal and "banal". Meanwhile I.L. notes the resignation of Commissario De Luca of the P.S., who was known to have made use of "il gobbo" for police operations while the latter was still considered a partisan.

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4. Hints at connection between Colasurdo's arrest and the background of the gobbo. For the arrest of Colasurdo, a real patriot,

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5. Vigorous complaint about poor gas service.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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3. Wool textile industry in Prato was found in satisfactory conditions. 5756

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5. Salverezza, secretary of the Unione Proletaria, will talk to the press next Sunday. We shall see how he will deny the charges made against him.

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2. Long article by Willima White on Russian factories.

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2. If the Germans make use of poisoned gas, the Allies will crush them by more powerful means, stated Churchill.

3. Speaking about the newspapers, Unita writes that freedom of press must only serve to guarantee democracy; otherwise, in the

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4. Statement of Scoccimarro: it is possible that the Italian army and fighting groups, joining with the patriots, will form so important a force that the Allies will want to use them and will send the Italians into Germany together with the Allied armies.

5. Protest of Unità the Palazzo Venezia and its Museum are still entrusted to the people who were there under Mussolini.

6. The textile industry is beginning to work again. Cotton to be woven has arrived from Egypt and from the States.

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6. A Commission has been formed for epuration from the "albo" of the journalists.

7. It is considered possible that the South American Republics may break diplomatic relations with Spain.

8. King Peter has summoned Subasic. It is said that the King proposed some compromise to Prime Minister Subasic, but that he insisted that the Minister should accept the order of the King dismissing him.

9. It is said that the German Government is going to leave Berlin.

10. Show of plans, in the Palazzo Barberini, for the reconstruction for Anzio and Nettuno. Mr. Kirk, Col. Jenny, Lieut. Carrol, representative of PWBSI, were present at the show.

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5. A propos of the 'Gobbo' case, generals Dall'Ora and Tommasini had been accused by several newspapers. Both of them are well known anti-Fascists; the charges made against them are unfounded.

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Berlinguer is waiting for more facts about the 'Gobbo' case to see whether the offences committed are within the competence of the High Commissariat for Sanction against Fascism.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Military occupation of Germany will be easily decided among the Allies, but this will be only a temporary situation; what will be the definitive fate of Germany? asks Pacciardi. America has expressed the desire of taking part in the settling of post-war Europe, but, as Dorothy Thompson wrote, the Allies must remember that the complete destruction of Carthage did not end the war, but on the contrary it was the beginning of a long series of further wars and of general social and economic depression. Morgenthau's plan of a "Charthaginian peace" applied to Germany is not the plan of a European reconstruction, but on the contrary of destruction.

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3. Technical article on reconstruction; figures of houses destroyed or damaged given; M.M. then gives advice on the way in which reconstruction and repairs should be faced, avoiding past errors and keeping in mind modern requirements.

4. According to the Daily Herald the majority of French would be dissatisfied with the work of the Government.

5. It seems that the line of conduct of all those accused - in the Roatta trial - is to say that they just obeyed orders, and

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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addressed to the governments of London and Moscow all indicate a new intention of the United States to remain faithful to the principles of the Charter, to oppose the creation of zones of influence in Europe or elsewhere and to participate actively in the solution of European problems. This does not mean that everything will be easy but it is a step forward. (Prance Lorraine)

2. Prominence given to desertion and bad discipline among "certain American units" in Leghorn. (U.P.)

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3. After having for so long awaited the R.D. 328 (Decree of law fixing a special high cost indemnity for employees of the State) we had hoped to get something clear and just. Instead... the indemnities

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allotted are so low, that they do not solve the problem. The C.G.I.L. has already asked for a revision of the above decree.

4. According to "Orbis" it seems that a woman will be Acerbo's defendant.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Il Popolo answering the various queries raised by University students a propos of the call to colours says: other nations are just as tired as Italy of this long war; not going to war would bring sad consequences to us; it is up to a Democratic Govt to interpret the true will of the people damping down selfish reactions. The Italian army was defeated by Fascism rather than by the Allies; we never felt the United Nations to be our enemies; if we want the Armistice to be annulled we must first of all put ourselves on the same level of the other fighting nations by contributing to the war effort as much as we can. Only in this way we can hope to get the Allies to forget that, willy nilly, we fought against them on the side of their enemies.

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3. Ten Commissions will form the Legislative Council of the State. They will give advice about legislative regulations and other questions which the Government will submit to them. (Scheme of a decree of the Lieutenant).

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The obscure reactionary forces are increasing the number of

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parties and of newspapers to create trouble and confusion. People are made to believe the lies of a colonel of the Carabinieri about the murder in the Quarticciolo, or those of a Prefect about the Graffignano incidents. (Vatic Sp.no)

2. 1.300.000 workers will be represented in Naples in the first Congress of the C.G.I.L. The American Minister of Labor emphasizes the importance of the participation of women representatives in the Congress.

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5. Is Kesselring going to remove his troops from Italy? No.

6. Spanish official circles deny that von Papen came to Spain to see about peace conditions for Germany. (Associated Press)

7. For the first time, Goebbels asks the German people 'What will happen if they don't succeed in stopping the Russians?' (Das Reich) - According to DNB Goebbels said that Germany was fighting alone and that her salvation lay only in her forces.

8. Warsaw is almost entirely destroyed. Half its population has been killed, the other half deported.

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2. Is it better to throw out the Germans or to allow them to retreat? This is, for the Italian Nation, a problem which should be solved, but unhappily there is no one, responsible or not, who is going to solve it. And so we await events.

3. Workers of N.U. (garbage collectors) rightly ask for better economic treatment.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The Bari Congress, bowing before the false legality of Badoglio's royal Govt has eluded the fundamental problem of Italian democracy, which was the creation of a new State on the basis - not of an impossible gradual passage from the old to the new one - but of a complete break of continuity. And the Socialist party, says Nenni answering yesterday's article by Arangio Ruiz in Rin. Lib., has always opposed the deliberations of the Bari Congress. We see the result of these deliberations now, after one year. If Arangio-Ruiz is pleased with the result, we are not, the war effort has not been increased, epuration has utterly failed; the real - and royal - responsible authors of the ruin of the Country have not been punished. Behind Bonomi's good nature a new Fascism is menacing Italy.

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9. Text of an article by the Russian Prof. Viscuev, on triumph of Lenin's ideas.

10. The "Washington Post" commenting on the offer, by the Luogotenente and on the acceptance by General Clark of the order of "San Maurizio e Lazzaro", says that "the legality and the good

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taste shown by General Clark in accepting this decoration are dubious.

11. Zimarone writes the history of Hungary and of her armistice with the Allies.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Economic conditions of all state employees are rather tragic, but those of the magistrates appear more so because they have to keep up a certain dignity essential to the prestige of the functions they are called upon to carry out, writes Mario Berlinguer. He then asks Soleri, Minister of Treasury to consider the possibility of increasing salaries of all magistrates, giving details which show what little difference this increase will make in the State budget.

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2. Reprints the resolution of the A.F. of L. passed last November on the Italian labor situation. Notes that the resolution says the

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A.F. of L. desires to give its complete support "to Democratic elements of the workers movement". Hopes that the Naples congress will prove that the C.G.I.L. is or can become democratic but fears there is too much bureaucracy and centralization. Stresses the point that British and American Labor as well as Democratic elements in Italy will watch the Congress carefully. The preparations for the congress, in the opinion of I.I., do not offer much evidence that the spirit of liberty and autonomy is as yet very strong.

3. General Azzi writes that his own personal case was settled fast enough (48 hours) but the problems it posed are still to be solved.

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6. Something happens to cigarettes between leaving the factory and arriving at shops. This should be looked into.

7. Lt. Col. Ronsini of the Bersaglieri says that presentation of recruits is proceeding "in satisfactory manner".

8. News of the record trans-American flight causes "Libero" to express his disappointment that Italy was not represented at the air conference.

9. Details of preparation of electoral lists (to be ready by 10 April) and of the project for new Consultative Assembly.

10. The theatrical company of Claudio Gora arrested while presenting a detective play. Nor reason given but it is suspected that Gora's arrest may have some connection with his alleged activities under the Germans.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Technical article by Achille Grandi on agrarian reform and on the necessity of breaking up those properties which are really too large to be well cultivated and well looked after.

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3. Pointing out that relations between Italy and Britain might have been less tense if the Armistice clauses had been made clear, Sforza writes that while Washington has never approved of depriving Italy of the Venezia-Giulia, London on the contrary has often expressed political ideas not so favourable to Italians. The

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Allies' greatest mistake is that of not making any differences between Fascism and Italian people. We do not envy France and we recognise all the harm Fascism has done to her, but we should like to know why France is treated by the Allies so much better than we are.

4) Max Ascoli, the "shadow of Rockfeller", through the "International News Service" has sent our newspaper a message of congratulations: " a paper like yours has a right to exist in Rome, and we think the Italian public needs a balanced complex of ideas honestly meditated, and of facts clearly expressed."

5) We don't agree with Bergami, writes Vent., when he says that black market can be fought by supplying more abundantly regular markets; on the contrary, the more supplies there are, the more disappear towards Tor di Nona.

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7) G.f.c. surveys financial market "andamento" during last month. It can be termed as normal. Military events, new Govt provisions and the Anglo-American help just announced will certainly help our economy to get out of the present standstill.

8) A provincial meeting of the Christian Democrat Party was held at Cagliari yesterday. De Gasperi, political secretary of the party, in a letter he sent, emphasized the importance of political fight, and the necessity of a widespread organization of the Party.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Under the heading "Turning point' Alberto Albertini writes that if Italy does not join war now it will be disqualified for ever. The choice is evident, either "risorgimento" or civil death. Too many "but" are uttered. The country's task is war and the task of the press is psychological preparation for it. Only through rightful victory can we expect a renewal of our country.

2. Umberto Calosso writing about B.B.C. eulogises British truly liberal mentality and compares it with Italian liberalism.

3. An interministerial Committee presided over by Bonomi, has been formed so as to try to discipline and control prices. The aim of the Committee is to attain an equilibrium, specially of food prices, based on production cost. Follow details and instructions.

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6. 1944, year of defeat for Germany, says F. Ciolli: the Germans go on fighting for they hope that there will be some disagreement among the Allies. They can no longer use their Air-force, and all their attempts are failing one after the other.

7. What are the true relations between Badoglio, Grand Master of Freemasonry and the Unione Proletaria.

8. Prokofiev comments on the Soviet offensive which is threatening Koenigsberg.

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UNITA (Communist).

1) Unità comments on the C.G.I.L. Congress. The Italian working classes are taking the lead in Italian democracy. By their very action, the reactionary classes prove that the working class has a necessary function as guide.

2) Women should vote. Italy needs the help of all Italians for reconstruction. Italian women have participated in the fight, and have a right to help in laying the new basis of the new national organization. (Ruggero Grieco)

3) Unità protests because the Giornale del Mattino has been allotted more paper than the other newspapers.

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5) Salvarezza has escaped. The sensational revelations he was to make to the press were probably a bluff. The premises of Via Fornovo were searched by the police who discovered a blood-stained room, arms and ammunitions.

7) Admiral Stone received by Bonomi.

8) Churchill hasn't yet left London for Moscow.

9) The Congress of the C.G.I.L. begins this morning in Naples.

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10) EAM asks for the formation of an Allied Commission to put an end to the intervention of General Scobie, and enable the Greeks to establish a truly representative Government.

11) Message of Bonomi to Confederazione del Lavoro Congress in Naples. Regrets he cannot attend, sends good wishes. Reminds the delegates that they must be above party politics. "Parties and Unions are different things with different functions."

12) It is rumoured in Spain and Portugal that Germany is thinking of accepting the conditions of surrender because of Russian progress in East Prussia and Slesia. It seems the German Command has already contacted the Russians about that. It is said an agreement would be made when Koenigsberg will have surrendered.

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forces to give all her efforts to war. (Randolfo Pacciardi)

2. French Nationalists were spiritually nearer nazism than French democracy, it is therefore right that Maurras should have been condemned to life imprisonment.

MORNING PAPERS (Socialist)

AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. More on Salvaresza. The P.S. is blamed of not moving faster and, by its tardiness, letting him get away. Berlinguer is applauded for his prompt action. I.L. suggests that the mysterious

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visits to Sicily by Concari (son-in-law of Salvemini who was been arrested) may have had something to do with the disorders on the island. And suggests tie up with black market as well.

3. Page of commemorative articles on Carlo Rosselli, written by Sforza, Parchiani and others.

4. Comment from a man of the public on the Savoia defence: it is absurd to hide behind "nationalism" for that was as bad a thing as Fascism.

5. U.P. quotes Basler Nachrichten as saying that Roosevelt and his party have already left for meeting of the Big Three which will take place in early February.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Speaking of those excluded from election lists for having "committed acts contrary to political probity", Scrutator says that this is a much vaster problem than it might appear at first sight. What about those millions of Italians who had to join the party, if for no other reason, just to be allowed to live and earn a bit of bread? All crimes can be overcome, in a Democratic system, by a gradual substitution of men and parties, but if a whole mass of people, mostly young, is rejected, how will reconstruction be carried on? The above definition is too vast and too vague.

2. Calogero, professor of History and Philosophy at the University of Rome was to have made a speech yesterday on war propaganda for the Comitato Giovanile; instead he tried to demonstrate that socialism and democracy are the same thing. The applause of the students was so enthusiastic that he had to cut short his words and leave the hall !

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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5. U.P. quotes Basilio Nicholson as saying that Roosevelt and his party have already left for meeting of the Big Three which will take place in early February.

L'ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Speaking of those excluded from election lists for having "committed acts contrary to political probity", Scrutator says that this is a much vaster problem than it might appear at first sight. What about those millions of Italians who had to join the party, if for no other reason, just to be allowed to live and earn a bit of bread? All crises can be overcome, in a Democratic system, by a gradual substitution of men and parties, but if a whole mass of people, mostly young, is rejected, how will reconstruction be carried on? The above definition is too vast and too vague.

2. Calogero, professor of History and Philosophy at the University of Rome was to have made a speech yesterday on war propaganda for the Comitato Giovanile; instead he tried to demonstrate that socialism and democracy are the same thing. The applause of the students was so enthusiastic that he had to cut short his words and leave the hall !

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5. The new world to which all our hopes go, can only be born out of an active collaboration between men and women (+++).

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MOMENTO

1. It is high time for the Govt to intervene in the Sobbo's and Sulvaresca's affair, writes il Momento. It is the Govt's duty to let us know they have realized how serious is what has happened.

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what has been written and what is being said. A democratic Govt should have neither fear nor respect towards anybody when it is a question of applying the penal code.

2. Apparently also the death of Aurelio Padovani, former founder of Naples "Fasci", was caused by Mussolini's will.

3. Detailed report of transactions between "commissionisti" and ATAG.

4. Not only state pensions should be increased. Pensions off journalists and typographers get something like 100 lire a month.

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UNITA (Independent)

1. Japan is making a supreme effort to find a basis for an agreement between Russia and Germany, which would put an end to the

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5. Military Academies have been re-opened. The pupils of the Modena and Torino Academies are being sent to Lecce.

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6. Statement of Manuel Valdes on Spanish falangism: the falange aims at having Spain resume her task in the world, with the 'full use of her sovereignty'. The falange must make an effort to 'save the supreme values of man'.

7. The Economic Union of the Empire has published a memorandum saying that in post war period Great Britain should abolish in all commercial agreements 'most favoured nation' clause.

8. Hitler has received the leader of all saboteurs, the Obergruppfuhrer Lorenz.

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discontent of workers who are paid too low salaries, to greater requests from the "ammassi", to the call to arms which was not preceded by any intelligent propaganda; all this has given new strength to the reactionary Fascist elements and to the separatist movement.

5. Avanti insists on the fact that the Nov. Socialist and Communist meeting had to be held on the Palatino instead of in Piazza Navona owing to interference of the Unione Proletaria. Such a scandal should have caused the removal of the Questore of Rome - who now denies the fact.

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2. Reprint of Matthews article in N.Y. Times of 9 Jan. setting forth Italian claims to Trieste and the National determination to assert them. I.N. comments favorably on the article, only objecting that Matthews has assigned too high a percentage of Slovenian inhabitants to the Trieste area.

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3. Rumour of Big Three meeting in Rome. This would mean, among other things contact and possibly conciliation between Pope and Stalin.

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4. On vote for women. I.N. points with pride to its share in the campaign. Finds the draft decree on the matter "over-brief and bureaucratically arid".

5. Is there still a Price Control Office? asks I.N., adding that it seems unlikely in view of the exaggerated prices for fruit and vegetables and the lack of control that is all too evident.

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2. Luigi Antonini declared to a press conference that British policy in Italy and United States' indifference will throw Italy into the arms of Communism.

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3. The Brefotrofio is in a very sad plight. 40 babies died in 18 days. The Pope has presented the institution with blankets and clothes; we must follow his example.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - M.N.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Business men of neutral countries who left Germany a short time ago said they contacted Goering and Rust who both said openly that, for various weeks, Hitler had been trying to negotiate with London. In Berlin people are starving and freezing and many quarters of the city remained without bread.

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6. In Japan, the Turkish representatives are going to be 5714 interned.

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7. Salvaresza brags that he has five documents of supreme importance for the political life of Italy, and that he will produce them against a payment of 100 millions.

8. Harry Hopkins, representative of Roosevelt has been received by the Pope; and also saw Minister De Gasperi. - Before leaving, Hopkins made a statement to the press: he declared he did not like the situation in Italy, especially after the interview he had with the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The American public is not satisfied with the Italian situation, and is worried by the news that the Italian population is starving under Allied occupation. American civilian powers should insist on having part of the merchant tonnage assigned to the requirements not only of Italy but also of France and the Netherlands. - The American propaganda promising the Italians plenty of foodstuffs which did not materialize had bad effect. - The priority of Italy in the question of reliefs is caused by a strong current in American public opinion, the centre of which is formed by American citizens of Italian origin. - The meeting of the Big Three will be short and deal exclusively with questions of a military character. A propos of the fight against Japan, he stated that the Allied plans did not foresee Russian help.

9. The Roatta-Savich Trial: Jacomoni protests his innocence.

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