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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Article by Ilya Ehrenburg trasmitted from Moscow, on the Russian offensive and advance and on the power of the Soviet Union.

2. No Italian problem exists in Great Britain, and it is a shame because it is this lack of an exact formulation that leads to many uncertain situations which are painful for us. This is the reason why I cannot very well answer my friends when they ask me what the English think of Italy and Italians, writes Paolo Dreves. The majority of Britishers of course realize the suffering we have been through, and therefore do not intend to treat us as enemies. The Italian problem is considered by the Foreign Office only as part of the European problem.

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GLOBO (Economic)

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2. Rumours on a Franco-Italian settlement, recognition of annulment of 1896 convention, an end the "regime of forced

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expropriation of Italian interests in Tunisia" etc. An official communiqué is expected early in February.

3. Italy and the Allies: a) INS account of the reluctance of Wall St. to take any interest in Italy until the political situation is clear. Some fear communism: b) UP reports that Hopkins' statements are in line with the feeling of the American public and the opinion of statesmen. Competent authorities, having heard Col. Poletti's report, agree with him on need of increasing food ration. It is felt that the Italian situation will improve after the Big Three conference and the arrival of Tarchiani in Washington; c) British White Book on administration of Ethiopia, Tripolitania and Cyrenaica. Conditions in general good.

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3. The English children of Blackpool have collected a certain sum of money which they have sent to Italian poor children.

4. Article on American workers' organisations. These organisations are not only interested in salaries, working hours, etc.; they also ask for political, social and economic reforms. They underline the importance of international unity.

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5. The RAI personnel has elected the Consiglieri who will represent the Radio at the Unione Lavoratori dello Spettacolo.

6. No agreement reached yet between the ENTI personnel - which asks an increase of salaries of 2000 lire per month - and the Direction.

7. State employees still wait for the "temporary integration" of 70 % decreed in Dec. 1943. By refusing to pay this indemnity the State increase discontent and agitation among its employees.

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1. The fact that 322 functionaries have been dismissed, by the 29th of Jan. - last date for carrying epuration along the first four grades - is favourably noted by R.L.

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2. It seems that some of Mussolini's Ministries, which are now established between Venice, Brescia and Verona, are going to be transfered to some valleys near the Swiss frontier.

3. Mussolini is finished, as political man; he may be finished as man "tout court", said his wife.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Comments of 'Il Contribuente' on the legal status of woman. - The Government cannot make up its mains about the political price of bread, and these hesitations cost the State about 30 millions a day.

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3. Statement of Law: The British Government will publish the clauses of the armistice with Italy only when the United States, England and Russia will decide to do so in the name of the United Nations.

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4. The question of supplies for Italy is still being debated. Considering the critical situation of liberated Italy, the Americans ask that the supplies destined for North Italy should be immediately distributed, in the liberated territories. The British say that such supplies must not be touched as long as the Allies have not got enough ships to supply North as well as South Italy.

5. Statement of Sumner Welles: the situation of Italy is getting worse everyday; he stresses the disastrous political and social effects produced by such a situation.

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6. The thieves of the University window-panes discovered by the Police. 102

7. Story, from London, of the son of a German Nazi General, who left his father and his country to escape from nationalism, and is now fighting with the British troops.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. The Polish delegate Stanczyck proposes to establish a plan of financial and material aid for the countries which have been devastated by war.

2. The International office of Labor has taken into consideration the request of Italy to be re-admitted in the office and will appoint a representative in Rome.

3. It seems that Roosevelt is going to support the new political line of the United States according to which Europe must be placed under the collective responsibility of the Allies.

4. Statement of Parodi: his job is very complex for everything must be reconstructed. - He considers the question of Italian immigration to the States a very complicated one.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. When facing the German Problem the Big Three may find themselves before a new German Government. On many points in the settling of Europe the Allies may disagree. But we must not overestimate the possibility of such disagreements. As for America, we know, writes Ruffo Ruffo, that if her citizens have anything to spare, they will share it with poorer countries.

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4. Couldn't something be done to increase the gas ration. Till now the only thing which has increased is the price.

5. Economic freedom: The Government should try to help and normalize all economic relations. Obstacles should be removed; the greatest liberty of production and of exchanges is required.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Pacciardi is pleased that women have been given the right to vote. This is a step forward in democracy, in his opinion. There will be risks, of course, as there are risks in universal suffrage but democracy can be learned only by practicing it. Women may lose some of their so-called "privileges" by coming into the political life on even terms with men but they will gain a healthier respect and be able to make their own contribution to social life.

2. Grace for Verona. The Italian radio tells us of raids on "German objectives" in Italy but only from Switzerland or from travelers returning from the lines do we get any idea of the enormity of destruction our Northern cities are suffering. Recently we have learned of a raid on Verona which, devastating the center of the town, has seriously damaged Castelvecchio, the famous Biblioteca Capitolare and many churches. Evidently, in the guide-book of cities to be spared which has been given to the Allied airmen, Verona has been forgotten. Indeed we have reason to believe that Venice is the only city indicated for mercy among the cities of the Veneto as Florence and Siena are the only cities of Tuscany so spared. Yet Verona would be certainly worthy of inclusion.... The English themselves, those of more humane spirit, are becoming horrified at the useless ferocity of their slow warfare. I know nothing of strategy (says the writer) but reading the war communiques I have the impression that the Russians fight and win, without destruction from the air, but making such rapid advances that they do not give the Germans time for wholesale demolition. Thus when they arrive they find bridges, roads and airports intact. The Anglo-Americans bomb and destroy and when they finally arrive they find a desert. Indeed even after the much deplored destruction of Montecassino, a so-called strategical point, there were no overwhelming advances. Then we heard the slogan: rather than sacrifice one additional soldier we sacrifice an additional monument. This "war economy" is a little too gross for a civilized people such as the English (it is understandable in the Americans, a young people without history or art.) For no man, mortal as we all are, can be the equivalent of stupendous works of art, the heritage of past generations who in them still live....Further I do not believe that our co-belligerents are gaining much, by razing to the ground the city of Verona....Since it would be useless to try to explain to our co-belligerents how much their present civilization owes to those works...I could wish that the artists might present a plea for mercy to the Supreme Command yet since they affect a great indifference for the fate of great art, evidently thinking their

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3. Comment on Roatta trial. The only really working internationale was that of gangsterism. But the responsibilities, as Emanuele testifies, go far up through Roatta, Ciano, Mussolini to Victor Emmanuel. The story is not closed with the Roatta chapter.

4. Preparations for mine clearance under way. The Ministries interested of Public Works, War, Agriculture and Industry are cooperating on this.

5. Mussolini practically a prisoner, guarded by Nazis. (U.P.)

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5. Enzo Selvaggi tried to speak in Perugia last Sunday, at a monarchic meeting, but was not allowed to utter more than half a dozen words.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Guido Calogero writes on the difference between "Liberalismo"

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and "Liberismo"; the former represents a political attitude generally admitted, while the latter is its economic "pendant" and its principles are now defended by very few people.

2. While "camionettisti" are starting to work again, the "Camionisti" instead refuse to work under the new conditions which the two transport companies, STA and FIAT, want to impose on them.

3. During the Govt transmission on the wireless, last night, Segni, under-secretary for Agriculture, spoke on the moral duty of producers to bring oil to the "classi del popolo".

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are by no means sufficient to give relief. The government must be freed from the burden of being obliged to turn to new issues of paper money in order to meet the expenses of the Allies. He points out that it is not merely the items charged to Italy's account but also the heavy requisitioning of goods and plants that are destroying Italy's economy. The interest of the Allies in the re-establishment of democracy and the gravity of political consequences that might follow application of the present policy should lead the Allies to reexamine the situation and lend a favorable ear to Italy's requests.

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4. Long inventory of crimes committed in last 90 days. 15 homicides? Other figures given.

5. A list of suspended generals and admirals has been published. But no reasons are given for suspension. There are names on the list which are obviously those of "epuratti" and other names which belong to decent and loyal officers. The government should be clear and honest in the publication of such lists, says I.N.

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2. The Vatican denies rumours according to which people searched for by Italian authorities are hiding in extra-territorial buildings.

3. A subsidy has been promised to Rome civil servants. But apart from the injustice of its proportions (600 lire to low wages and 12.000 to high salaries) it has not yet been paid.

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4. A Committee has been set up in Rome for the relief of Italian prisoners in Germany.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Fifty two ex Ministers of the Vichy Govt tried by the French High Court of Justice.

2. The problems of Cooperatives are being studied by the Commissione Prefettizia.

3. The ANPA is trying to increase provisions to the Spacci Popolari.

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4. The workers of the I.R.I. are getting better salaries.

GENERAL

1. The Rontte trial: General Roatta explains the organization

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of the SIM. He never was pro-German. - He defends himself very cleverly.

2. Has the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin meeting already begun? According to Associated Press, the three will create the following Allied organisms to collaborate in the conduct of European affairs: a) Regular meetings between the Russian, British and American ministers of Foreign Affairs to make decisions about political problems which would be an object of constant study for a secretariat of the Three powers; b) an organism for Germany, to function during a long occupation and for an extensive control of German civil affairs; c) Advisory commissions for the liberated countries which would have temporary difficulties in choosing their Government. The same Agency states that Churchill will present a draft for the institution of a governative organ of the four Powers for the Rhineland and the Ruhr; both regions would be separated from the Reich and under complete control of Great Britain, the United States, France and Russia.

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9. Parchiani, before leaving for Washington, declared to American journalists that the most important part of his mission will be convincing the U.S. Govt of the necessity of recognising Italy as an Ally.

10. It seems that Berlin will not be evacuated.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Commenting on the future of the Lira, Guido Capodaglio says that the stabilization of the value of the currency and of the general level of prices is the first thing to be aimed at. In a period of inflation, it is urgent to diminish the expenses, beginning with the political price of bread, and asking the Allies

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to re-examine the financial clauses of the armistice. A large amount of banknotes are not participating in the circulation at present. They are being hoarded by their owners, but any day, they may again participate in active circulation and bring a collapse of the currency. These banknotes might be collected by operations on open market.

2. Article on Albania by Emili Cabrini; she explain how Fascism made itself hated in Albania through the stupidity and lack of comprehension of its representatives.

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4. Many apartments, in Rome, are let to gambling clubs, many others, notwithstanding prohibition to do so, are let to Allied troops; why not force the owners to let all these flats to "sinistrati" and "sfollati" ?

5. It is absurd that, while prices of everything have increased

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ten or twenty times since before the war, a train trip to Naples should cost only 119 lire.

6. Why publish the lists of prices of all foodstuffs, if these prices are never respected ?

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The Naples Congress has marked a great success for the C.G.I.L.; Organisational success for it has established Syndicates and Camere del Lavoro numbering a million and a third subscribers; it has initiated a series of acts which have contributed to improve the living standard of workers; it has also attained a political and social success by outlining problems of capital importance. Nenni then analyzes the main lines of the work done by the congress, and ends by saying that the C.L.N. should follow the example given by the Syndicates and transform in political and governmental terms the requests formulated by workers.

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6. While the Govt and Public safety busy themselves in matters of ordinary administration, fascist delinquency is lifting its head again; the other evening, coming out from the seat of the Party, a Communist "compagno" was assaulted and tortured by three individuals who ended by incising on the breast of the victim the fascio and two huge Rs.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Approving of the epuration of 38 Generals, Friar says that

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the delay is understandable as it is preferable to avoid mistakes, and so fall again into a Fascist style.

2. It seems that Mussolini's Ministers are preparing to leave the Country.

3. Vito Marcantonio, member of the House of Representatives declared to the United Press that at the next meeting of the House he will raise the question of accepting Italy as an Allied; he said also that according to his opinion Italy should profit by the Lease Land Law. He will also raise the question of the proposal made by Roosevelt, before the elections, of granting Italian 300 grams of bread.

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3. Vigorous objection to ITALIA NUOVA's remarks that "the

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Italian public would gladly have been spared" the details of Roatta's testimony. On the contrary these things should come out and neither the Italian public nor foreign journalists share I.N.'s opinion, says I.L.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Article by Salvaggi on the Big Three Conference, rather pessimistic in tone; he feels that, in spite of good will, the great leaders of the world have no specific or harmonious plans for the future as far as we can see at the moment.

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2. The Naples C.G.I.L. Congress approved the formation of several Federazioni. List follows.

3. Another article stressing the sad financial conditions of school teachers.

4. Transport of food partially re-established.

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5. The Commission for allotment of uncultivated land is functioning in the Palace of Justice.

6. Tram conductors ask for epuration.

MOMENTO

1. The Police do not want to release lists of spies and OVRA agents acting under Fascism. We strongly disapprove of it, writes Il Momento. If the Police really intend to start their work with new ideas, they should have a thourough cleansing of their archives. Moreover it would be really wicked if the dirtiest servants of Fascism should go undisturbed whilst epuration is at work.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. A temporary peace between the Allies and Italy, would put an end to the present state of war though leaving free for a future examination and settling all territorial, economical and other such questions. While the continuation of armistice, writes Lorenzo Barbaro, only maintains us in a continuous state of depression and humiliation.

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2. General Oxilia writes a brief biography of Marshal Tito.

3. Even the Allies would be right in criticizing us if while we ask them to help us we did not use all our resources so as to make the best of everything. Only with very severe provisions will the Commissariato dell'Alimentazione attain some result. Strict prohibition of making pastries is now under discussion.

IMPO (Independent)

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2. Unità reprints part of Scoccimarro's speech about the 'day for the combatant'. The Italians must do all they can to support the partisans and soldiers of the new anti-fascist Italy.

3. Scandal of the maternity parcels: None of the mothers who had a right to these parcels were able to get one. They were being sold underhand by unscrupulous chemists. At present the parcels can only be found in Tor di Nona for the price of 20.000 lire.

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4. It seems that the Big Three have already come to an agreement about the surrender conditions of Germany and about the division of the areas of occupation by the United States, England, Russia and France, all independent one from the other. It seems that after the surrender without conditions, there would be a state of siege for six months. - It is also rumoured that in the Northern regions of Germany, the political and administrative mechanism have collapsed in great part.

5. The administration of Elba has gone over to AMG. Up to the present time, Elba had been administered by the French military government.

6. A first group of camionette will resume service today.

7. It seems that Stalin is trying to solve the problem of Polish-Russian relations. He is said to have asked the leaders of the political parties which did not belong to the Lublin Committee to participate in a conference which will take place in Moscow.

8. Mr. Myron Taylor received the Provincial Committee of the U.N.R.R.A. and its President, the Prefect of Rome, who thanked the American Ambassador for all he does to help in the difficult task of distributing relief.

9. Soviet comment appearing in "Isvestia": the followers of Mussolini have settled snugly in the army and in the Govt where they sabotage every effort of epuration.

10. Bonomi received the Turkish Ambassador.

11. A meeting of Ministers at the Viminale discussed the problems of giving moral and material assistance to those repatriated and to the patriots.

12. Prince Cirillo and 22 Bulgarian Ministers condemned to death.

13. Almost all newspapers express the hope that the Big Three will decide to change Italian armistice into a temporary peace.

14. There have been four cases of smallpox in Rome; though there is no reason to worry, the situation might become serious; inoculation should be obligatory.

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1. A.C.C. has lost a C. but there have been no concrete changes of attitude. One step forward: the meetings of the Interministerial Committee and of the Directors of the economic section of A.C.; nevertheless the continuous and minute surveillance of the various Sub-Commissions of AC goes on. There are no reasons why Italy should be treated like a colony. Some time ago Mr. Macmillan promised new regulations about the question of control. Ricostruzione hopes they will soon materialize.

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2. It seems that the United States means to participate in the occupation of Austria to the same extent as Great Britain and Russia. France is said to have asked to participate in the occupation too.

3. The Combatants propose to group all Italians in one front to organize the liberation and reconstruction of the country.

4. Minister Ruini has ordered drafts to be prepared for the reconstruction of tenement houses.

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3. The reason for Socialist rebirth in Great Britain lies in the knowledge that a policy based exclusively on military or economic power, is bound to fail, writes Paolo Treves; so we shall certainly reach a new Socialist Internationale, within which victors and conquered will solve the problems of the new Europe about to be born.

4. Bulgaria, by the execution of Prince Cirillo and of so many Ministers has given a good example; she began punishing from the top and not from the bottom as we seem to be doing here. We were prevented from doing so by the Allies and by the moderate members of the C.L.N.; but we are not serving the interests of our Nation, by so doing, comments Avanti.

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2. Long article by "Auris" on gambling houses; it really is a shame that such things should be allowed to go on; what is the Police doing ?

3. Allied and Italian Police have been busy in Rome, Naples and Bari, in great raids against the "Malavita".

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4. Italian prisoners in the United States have been organised in "working groups" so as to give their contribution to the war effort; they are paid for their work, they are taught English, and they even enjoy occasional trips.

GLOBO (Economic)

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2. The application - in Italy - of a Beveridge plan, would cost about 50 billions of pre-war lire.

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2. Babouf deplores as vigorously as Italia Libera, the assassination of Rosselli. But that does not mean that the secret service system of the Italian Govt must be revealed at a public trial. It might be logical if the distinction between Fascism and Italy were in fact clearly drawn by the United Nations. As for I.L.'s belief that the secret services of other countries are any different Babouf seems to consider that rather naive.

3. Bodesta still in America. Publicity has made it difficult for him to carry on his work but he is still in contact with "personal friends". Bankers feel the financial situation of Italy waits on a clearer idea of political line to be followed in U.S.-Italy relation. (I.M.S.)

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2. Alk Alleini describes a concentration camp set up by the Allies near Salerno calling it the "Purgatory of the Fascists".

3. Finocchiaro Aprile, President of the Provincial Deputation for Rome province, made some statements on conditions of the province pointing out measures already taken to improve them.

4. The American Relief for Italy has distributed dried milk and other essential supplies to the "Brefotrofie".

5. At last a voice was heard praising the Carabinieri. The President of the High Court of Justice, Bertini, said: "I do not allow any word less than respectful to be pronounced in regard to the Carabinieri".

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article on Stalin by Italo Zingarelli; the writer stresses the fact that he never allows diplomatic negotiations to endanger what he has already managed to get.

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2. It is rumoured that the Socialist party will perhaps collaborate with the Government; as North Italy may soon be liberated, it is thought advisable for the Government to have representatives of the six parties of the Committee of National Liberation.

3. According to news from Washington, one of the clauses of the Italian Armistice was that the Italian Government would pay 250 million £ to the Allies, under the form of Allied currency to be put at the disposal of the Allied troops. The Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs is trying to obtain a better treatment for Italy to avoid a complete financial collapse. He asked Great Britain and the States 250 million £ credit.

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4. Italian working classes have given proof of their maturity in the C.G.I.L. Congress.

5. Ilya Ehrenburg attacks the French aristocracy and bourgeoisie.

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GENERAL

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2. Vice President Wallace has been appointed Minister of Trade.

3. Paul Boncour declared to the weekly "Italia Libera" issued by the Paris C.L.N. that he considers necessary an alliance between France and new democratic Italy; speaking of the desire expressed by the Italians living in France to participate in the reconstruction of the Country, he said that first a serious epuration must be carried out among the Italian colony.

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are earning large sums of money by keeping back the products which should go to the masses.

2. It is to the interest of Italy that the General Staff and the Army should be under the control of the State. The General Staff has a heavy responsibility for the preparation and conduct of the Fascist war. Many high ranking officers have lost the trust of the country, therefore there is nothing to be wondered at in the fact that a brigadier has been chosen as Chief of Staff.

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L'UOMO (Independent Socialist)

1. We all of use are guilty - in a smaller or greater degree - if not in having actually contributed to the outburst of the present calamity, at least of having done nothing to avoid it; example of other people has been of no use: we had got accustomed to tyranny, and therefore we have supported it; our attitude, which lasted twenty years, might be defined as passive complicity, writes Leonida Repaci, presenting this new paper. He is convinced that the world will only be saved through Socialism. This newspaper, goes on the writer, will do all that is in its power to contribute to the rebirth of the

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Country, repeating, if necessary, the deed of Luther who threw an ink-stand at the Devil's head, well knowing that only ink could put out of countenance his enemy. On the "tabula rasa" created by war Socialism can now build its new civilised town.

2. To solve the problem of a lasting peace it will be necessary first to solve the question of the European economic position in the world, and then the question of European adjustment. The first question will find its solution in a reorganisation of the world economic situation; excess of production in Anglo-Saxon nations will continue, and will have to find an outlet in foreign markets, so as to avoid unemployment and maintain a high standard of living; the second question will be solved by a free federation of European republics, united in a pact permitting. Participation in larger world federations. But the future position of Germany will also have to be defined; the German people must evidently pay for their share of responsibilities, but their punishment will not help to solve the European problem; they will have to cooperate in the rebuilding of the Continent. (Giuseppe Gennuso)

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3. At last, we have heard the voice of a liberal who is also a true republican, says Avanti, referring to the speech held

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yesterday by Antonio Calvi.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Trying to guess what can be the subjects discussed by the Big Three, Arrigo Jacchia says that an occupation of Germany by the Allies, would only represent a temporary solution; the Germans must be rendered incapable of doing any more harm, and this cannot be attained by military occupation; the solution of such a problem is not going to be easy, but we hope the Big Three will agree on the necessity of making Germany expiate. Germany is responsible for innumerable material and moral ruins, so she must contribute actively and materially to European reconstruction. Otherwise to win a war will mean to lose the fruits of victory and peace.

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4. It is to be hoped that immigration to Australia will soon start again, wrote in The Times the Dominion Minister of War, F.M. Forde; to defend her coasts Australia needs a population of 20 million, and it has at present only 7 million.

5. The Italo-American Chamber of Commerce, recently formed, will

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study the question of Italian foreign commerce.

6. The Govt is preparing to solve the problem of increasing financial tributes to the Provinces and the Comuni. Bachdigel article on various ways of solving the difficult problem.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The official Yugoslav Press Agency has printed an "order of the day" of the "anti-Fascist youth of Trieste" in which the desire to be annexed to Yugoslavia is expressed. I.L. considers this document has no value and feels that Yugoslavia should give up these old fashioned nationalistic practices. Not in this way will the Dalmatian question be solved. (b.p.)

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6. On smallpox situation. No danger of an epidemic. There is plenty of vaccine. There is however a shortage of "sanitari" and I.N. recommends distribution of vaccine to private doctors - with proper controls of course.

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7. Interview with Mattoli on the activities of Cerruchi, Commissario of the Roma-Nord. (See I.L. Feb 3). The affair is now being investigated by the Govt.

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S. E.R. Broker, Head of Labor S/c, AC receives leaders of the Unione Sindacale Italiana dei Lavoratori who asked the secretary set forth the democratic and non-partisan principles of the organization.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Ernesto Lizzadri writes against the abolition of the politic l price of bread unless the ration is increased too. The simplest solution would be the one suggested by the C.G.I.L. in Dec.; that is increase of salaries equal to the increased price of bread.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The call to colours has a two-folds aspect, comments Il Popolo. On one hand a youthful and renewed army will provide the means for a revival of a collective consciousness; on the other hand it is right that sacrifices should be sustained by the younger ones who have less responsibilities and family ties.

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3. Italian and Allied authorities have agreed that volunteers can join advanced fighting groups.

4. It is rumoured that the Fascist Govt is transferring its Hq to Bavaria.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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3. The President of the National Council of Lublin stated that Poland was taking immediate control of the civilian administration of Silesia and East Prussia. He found that the news saying there might be a rapprochement between the 'Poles of London and the Government of Warsaw' were unfounded. (Reuter)

4. Selfagor protests against anti-Soviet and anti-Yugoslav campaigns; some papers seem to specialize in this kind of propaganda. - It is to be hoped that epuration will be carried out seriously in the North. The method used for the Roman press is no

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GENERAL

1. Mr Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin meeting: The Big Three are considering whether to deprive Germany of part of her territory; they are studying a geographical and political plan of military occupation, of industrial control and of political disarmament. (Associated Press)

It is likely that the occupation will be thus organized:

- BRITISH OCCUPATION: North-West Germany including the Rhur.
- AMERICAN OCCUPATION: South-West Germany.
- RUSSIAN OCCUPATION: East and North-East Germany.
- Austria would be occupied jointly by the three powers and perhaps also by France.
- Berlin would be occupied by the four powers.

It is possible that an agreement on the territorial claims of Poland, France, Czechoslovakia, etc., will not yet be reached.

It is also rumoured that Russia will participate in the war against Japan.

2. The Fascist Government is leaving for the Tyrol.

3. Italy will not export any oil. A.C. has refused the request made on this subject.

4. The Suvich Reatto Trial: The evidence of Aloisi and Chiaculli both of them in the diplomatic service tend to prove that Suvich was a moderate fascist and did all he could to defend the independence of Austria.

5. Interministerial meeting for the Reconstruction of liberated Italy. Ruini surveys the work done by the Committee. Weekly conferences take place between the Ministers and the Directors of the A.C. Sub-Commissions.

6. The Prefettura had decided that bakeries which break the rationing laws, instead of being closed will be handed over to a "commissariale" administration.

7. The Italian and Allied Police operations which have been carried out between Rome, Naples and Bari, have brought about the arrest of an international band of delinquents.

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- Austria would be occupied jointly by the three powers and perhaps also by France.
- Berlin would be occupied by the four powers.

It is possible that an agreement on the territorial clause of Poland, France, Czechoslovakia, etc., will not yet be reached.

It is also rumoured that Russia will participate in the war against Japan.

2. The Fascist Government is leaving for the Tyrol.

3. Italy will not export any oil. A.C.C. has refused the request made on this subject.

4. The Suvich-Reatto Trial: The evidence of Ricci and Pignatti both of them in the diplomatic service tend to prove that Suvich was a moderate fascist and did all he could to defend the independence of Austria.

5. Interministerial meeting for the Reconstruction of liberated Italy. Ruini surveys the work done by the Committee. Weekly conferences take place between the Ministers and the Directors of the A.C. Sub-Commissions.

6. The Prefettura has decided that bakeries which break the rationing laws, instead of being closed will be handed over to "Commissariale" administration.

7. The Italian and Allied Police operations which have been carried out between Rome, Naples and Bari, have brought about the arrest of an international band of delinquents.

8. It seems that the Valdostano is Berlin entirely in the hands of the Italian patriots.

9. Recruiting in Sicily has become normal.

10. De Gaulle spoke yesterday on Radio Paris; he expressed his surprise that France had not been called to join the Big Three meeting; the future of France, he said, depends on what treatment will be reserved for Germany.

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11. Crisis in the Polish Government in London? If the Christian Democrats go to the opposition, the Mrosiewsky Govt will be backed up by the Socialists and National-Democrats only and will no longer be a Govt of coalition. - It is considered possible that the Three might discuss the formation of a new temporary Govt, in Poland, on wider basis than either that of London or that of Lublin. Will Stalin agree?

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Democracy must be based on Christian principles, writes Cardinal Salotti in a long article about the Church and democracy.

2. Are the United Nations going to win the peace after having won the war ? If Great Britain, Russia and China are ready to give up one sided solutions, they know that the United States are ready to divide with them the responsibility and glory of a universal democratic organization. Roosevelt can throw on the

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scales the enormous economic and industrial power of the United States. Italy is anxiously waiting for the results of the present meeting for the unknown economic and financial clauses of the armistice are expected to be suppressed or softened. (h.)

3. Generous American relief for the foundling-hospital. Mr. Myron Taylor's intervention on behalf of the hospital where the children were dying because of the lack of food and heating.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat).

1. Where is the Italian 'petulance' that 'Daily Mail' complains of, asks Ricostruzione? Is it petulance to remind the Allies of the promises they made to Italy. Why say that Italy might better her situation by collaborating in the war if she is inexorably condemned? What about the soldiers, the patriots, the pack train units that are giving their lives to spare the lives of Allied soldiers? Fortunately, 'Daily Mail' does not represent the whole of British opinion. American public opinion is for Italy. Sumner Welles said that if 'the present policy of planned insult and of obvious insufficiency goes on, Italy will be thrown into a long period of anarchy'. The main danger is the feeling of 'resentment', the deep discontent which is causing neo-nationalism in Italy and in the whole of Europe.

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2. The parties in Italy are too complicated in their programs, they wish to find a solution for everything, for tomorrow's problems as well as today's and in all fields of human activity.

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Too many parties, is the criticism we often hear. Certainly too many programs - which serve only to confuse the ordinary man. (s.c.)

3. Bonomi. His record and his character studied. He is undoubtedly a man of intelligence, says the writer, but "amoral". His long period of collaboration with the Germans is recalled, and his hasty flight from Rome on Sept the 9th 1943, leaving no orders for Carboni or any other general. Though, V.R. says, this is probably Badoglio's ultimate responsibility; when Badoglio runs away he likes to move fast; at Cassibile he even left his cap behind.

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3. Why give the C.N.I.C. (Ente Nazionale Industrie Cinematografiche) a vice-Commissario as well as a Commissario? Does this mean that the abnormal situation of the CNIC is going to go on indefinitely? Evidently private groups are trying to get the firm away from State control; if this happens, it will mean the end of Italian film industry through the speculations of a few capitalists.

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4. Police raid among the black market dealers of Campo de' Fiori.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. The citizen does not require value from the Nation, but the nation from the citizen; politics do not come before the individual right, but must protect this right. A strong State cannot be born from weak individuals, writes Igino Giordani.

2. The Air Minister conferred on Air Vice-Marshall of the A.C., W.S. Bowen Buscombet the Italian military pilot insignia.

3. Francesco Russo, President of the Paris C.L.N., spoke yesterday on the situation of Italians in France.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Article of Cancello, answering Finocchiaro, and stating the position of the Action party. Whether or not the Communists and Socialists like it, the Action party is one of the left. Cancello recognizes the position and importance of the Communist party but

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will not accept the thesis that the masses can and should be represented by one party alone.

2. Gentili reviews the accomplishments of the C.G.I.L. Congress. Although the action party had been opposed to the manner of creation of the C.G.I.L. (feeling that union organization should spring from the workers rather than be imposed from above by parties) nonetheless it recognizes that the C.G.I.L. should succeed; its collapse would be a victory for reaction. And in general the congress was a success; there were indications of syndical unity and maturity of the working class. Gentili however was not pleased by the uncritical acceptance of the proposals of the segretaria, the nominations by acclamation, certain aspects of the provisional statuto (over-centralized and burseucratic in his opinion) and by the failure to define clearly the relation of the sindacato to the State.

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5. Carandini will take up the question of Italian prisoners in England. A delicate aspect of the situation is their alleged popularity with English girls and its unfortunate reaction on the feelings of the local youth.

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6. I.N. asks some questions about Salvaresza's arrest. Why was he seized by carabinieri acting for the Alto Commissariato? Why detained for 14 hours in office of the Alto Commissariato instead of being properly turned over to a magistrate? Why did tenente Cavaccini accept the aid of unqualified agents? etc.

7. Tupini, in an interview given the SI agency, promises to pursue the "affaire Salvaresza" to the end. If there are important personalities involved they must be detected and punished. I.N. approves, stating this has always been their argument.

8. The night-club "Coccodrillo" in Parioli should be closed, according to I.N. Scandalous prices, "orgies" and distribution of cocaine, it is charged.

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2. Giovanni Savi tells of conditions of Italian political refugees in Switzerland. Fascist big shots are having a good time and do not bother to help their less fortunate countrymen.

3. Yesterday at the Reatto-Suvich trial we saw the most important representatives of the OVR.. At first we thought that

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they were all coming from a concentration camps. But we were mistaken. All but one are still occupying their old posts, thus keeping the leading element of the Italian Police. How shall we ever get hold of the lists of the OVRA members, asks Il Momento.

4. Black market is more flourishing than ever. The Police says that black market dealers cannot be arrested. All right. But in our opinion, writes Il Momento, more frequent raids might frighten and stop them.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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PARTITO DEMOCRAZIA LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The partisan war of Tito's army has exasperated the anticnalistic feelings of Yugoslavs, and this feeling was expressed very clearly by Smodlaka, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of the Yugoslav C.L.N., when he said that Italy should end at the Isonzo; to these claims we must oppose a calm and serene reasoning, writes Lorenzo Barbara.

2. When things don't go very well those in power must find someone to hold responsible. Nenni, in his speech at the "tranvieri" yesterday, said that it is the Liberals' fault if oil is at 300 lire per litre and bread at 100 per chilo. Does the intemperate secretary of the Socialist Party want to poison the Italian political life?

3. Ill people are underfed; they hardly ever manage to get their extra rations.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. There is plenty of talk about reconstruction, but nobody really bothers about the conditions which are essential for reconstruction: reorganization of public administration, political and economic basis on which reconstruction has a chance to succeed. Up to now, only isolated efforts have been made. V. G. observes that the present situation is not very encouraging for land-owners for instance; how can they be expected to make a plan of reconstruction, to borrow money, may be, if they don't even know what will be their share of the benefits, what they will be able to dispose of ? As for manufacturers, who can blame them if they make no effort when there is so much talk of socialization ?

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2. Cordial relations with France will probably soon be reestablished. In his last speech about the future policy of France, De Gaulle has also mentioned Italy.

3. Carandini will take care of Italian interests in England, and especially of the prisoners of war. Till now, Italian interests had been entrusted to Switzerland.

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4. Statement of the government: 870.000 soldiers and several hundred thousand civilians are prisoners in Germany without proper treatment as their status is not recognized by Germany. Negotiations are taking place for the repatriation of the prisoners or refugees from Switzerland, Greece and the Balkans. 340.000 prisoners are in English territory, 110.000 in the hands of the Americans, 35.000 in the hands of the French. It has not been possible to learn how many are in Russian hands.

5. U.S.A. has accepted the proposals of the government.

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20. The Turkish Ambassador presented his credentials.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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3. New complications in the Salvarezza case; a trunk disappears, in spite of the Police, from the Unione Proletaria.

4. They want us to be dirty ! When electricity was rationed, the first thing to be forbidden was the use of electric bath heaters; now the gas company has forbidden the use of gas bath heaters.

5. Two hundred dispensaries opened for anti small-pox inoculation.

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6. Camionette: meetings, discussions, new regulations, but the Romans must still go on foot.

L'INDIPENDENZA

1. High Commissioner for Sicily announces that for 25 days now no cases of small-pox have been announced in the island.

2. All yesterday's newspapers gave great importance to the article appearing in the Daily Mail; though the thing was not, in fact very agreeable its importance should not be exaggerated; this morbid sensibility towards the people's opinions, is a remnant of Fascism. Anyhow the Daily Mail does not represent England, but only some of England's conservatives; it would be absurd to expect everybody to draw a distinction between Fascist and anti-Fascist Italy.

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Italy fought at the side of the United Nations, and there are no reasons why they should be discussed again. Daily Mail was pro-fascist and supplied the Ministry of Cultura Popolare with plenty of material. Italy does not forget that she is a defeated country, though she has been told many times that she was 'liberated' which is not quite the same thing. (Umberto Nicali)

2. The Garibaldi Legion is being epurated.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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Liberty means bread assured to everybody, while liberalism

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means that only those who can spend have a right to live, adus Nenni in a P.S., answering yesterday Risorgimento Liberale.

2. The economic section of the Socialist Party has drafted a memorandum on the question of political price of bread; as the political price of bread is to be abolished, it is necessary not only to increase salaries but specially to stabilize our currency; rationed food must also be increased.

3. All newspapers, except the Risorgimento Liberale, have praised the anti-Monarchic words of Calvi, who is a member of the national Committee of the Liberal Party.

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3. Brazilian coffee can now be had at Tor-di-Nona, at the

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price of 2400 lire per kilo, if raw, and 3000 if toasted. No comments are needed, says the G.d.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. The official communiqué of the "Meeting" may not even mention Italy and her various problems; but we shall fight all the same; the Allies must realize that it is not "their" war but "our" war, in as much as it is "everybody's" war; but we do hope that they will have kept in mind that it is very difficult to be able to fight and live in our condition of "Allied-enemy".

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dominance of the three parties in the C.G.I.L. Indeed this is the wrong basis of the whole organization. From the beginning the C.G.I.L. members have found themselves harnessed to the political aims of three parties and this is in principle wrong... Claretti concludes with some ironic remarks on the nomination of a Committee-women "who represents nothing either from the point of view of labor or politics" but was chosen "to represent the weaker sex".

2. The new Commissariato per l'Alimentazione has now an impressive office staff and has issued a number of communiqués but its development is surpassed by that of the black market. One does not expect miracles from Excellency Bergami but we do expect him to do something or else get out, says I.N.

3. Approving comment on testimony of Gen. [illegible] which, I.N. finds, strengthens the case against Tumminelli but tends to exculpate Rosetta and Jacomoni.

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7. Personnel of Nursing Homes complain that they have not yet been paid their "corovita" indemnities; the Camera del Lavoro will look after their interests.

MOMENTO

1. Commenting on the announcement of the Big Three's meeting, Il Momento writes that this will make Hitler lose his last hope of negotiating a separate peace with Russia. The complete agreement of the three big powers also on post war plans gives one the certainty that minor countries will be treated with justice and understanding.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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2. Goebbels has said and repeated that the German Army would be destroyed to the very last man, rather than surrender; Rol mains says that "before the cock crows three times "the Germans will probably betray their leaders.

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PCI-PC (Independent)

1. If Ivo Bingarelli considers the diplomatic relations of Italy with other countries, and especially with France. With France, no detailed agreement has been reached; nothing is known about the fate of the Italians living in Tunisy or in France. It is almost like a second surrender.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The people expect the Big Three Meeting to nip in the bud the last hopes of the fascists, and to establish a situation in which no form of fascism can possibly crop up again.

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7. During the second day of the World Trade Unions' Conference, differences of opinion have arisen about the participation of other countries (Italy, Finland, Bulgaria, Rumania) in the conference. The C.G.I.L. seems to have been invited to join the Conference.

8. Plans for the reconstruction of Montecassino will be studied.

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9. Three times a week, there will be a train going from Bari to Naples.

10. 150.000 people have been inoculated against small-pox in five days.

11. Yesterday, in the House of Representatives, Emanuele Celler has suggested that the Lend-Lease Law be extended also to Italy.

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5. At a certain moment the whole of Europe had become Fascist, and the Daily Mail was the most enthusiastic admirer of Mussolini and his "apostles", of Hitler, Franco, Horthy and all the others. Then the world finally understood the real essence of Fascism and Nazism, and we should have thought that the D.M., faithful to the tradition of British fair play, would have said "etiam mea culpa, mea maxima culpa". It is high time for the Daily Mail to be silent;

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England is on the point of winning her greatest victory, but the D.M. has had its greatest defeat. (E.M. Margadonna)

6. We could have guessed that the abolition of the political price of bread would have been decided by the Council, because the present Govt goes in for a policy which is far from being favourable to the poorer classes. Probably the prices of other food will now increase as well. Compensation will be decided upon for the workers? May be, but so far only the increase on the price of bread is a settled thing. At least the two measures should have been made effective at the same time.

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reconstruction; it must now, to crown its work, assure to those who have suffered most from war, the minimum necessary in food and clothing. Those who have profited from Fascism, from war and from the black market, should now pay for these new expenses which await the State.

3. These last few days the bread has been horrid, hardly eatable; is it because salaries are under "commissariale" administration ? The bread today is made of everything except wheat flour; whose fault ?

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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4. The Police have raided the Palazzo del Drago; very well; but many other gambling houses are still flourishing in Rome.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The Duke Tommaso Gallarati Scotti, has left for Madrid as Italian Ambassador; why, asks Nenni, does new democratic Italy send

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an ambassador to France? Franco's Govt, though not actually joining in the war, has given all the moral and material help he could to the Axis powers; he came to power and won against the popular forces because he was helped by Mussolini's and Hitler's planes and soldiers. It is true that now he is trying to save himself and his Govt by waving the flag of "Catholic State"; but this will only last as long as the European present disorder.

2. The Roman Republic which was born a hundred years ago, will be commemorated on Sunday on the Gianicolo, under Garibaldi's monument, to show that today's Rome wants to become what she could not become then: the "third Rome", an industrialized capital; Rome must stop being a dead town, it must become alive. Romita will speak on the possibilities of industrializing Rome.

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7. It is shocking and disgusting that such places as the "Coccodrillo", where a cup of coffee costs 250 lire and where cars - and therefore petrol - are at disposal of the clients almost all night, should still remain open.

8. Technical article on the way Fascist profiteers try to evoid sequestration of their patrimonies.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. The F.N.L.S.I., through the ANSA, denies that any Brazilian

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GLOBO (Economic)

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2. Moral of a case. The Salvarezza case serves as point of departure for attack on the Police. It is recalled that the arrest was made only on the intervention of the High Commissioner; the Questura would have done nothing. Follows a list of high police officials, including the Questore, who were previously connected with Casa Reale.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Lucifero accuses Bonomi of being "afraid of a parliament" and of trying to substitute for it such "technical consulting bodies" as could be easily managed by the government. But, Lucifero says, the people will not be fooled; there is no substitute for a parliament and without a parliament there is no democracy.

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MOMENTO

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This is very dangerous too. Those who are hungry cannot always control themselves. Why does the Govt keep on granting licences for night-clubs and dancing halls ? (Tommaso Smith)

2. Interlandi and Preziosi, whose penal prosecution is in course of action although they are at large, were two of the dirtiest representatives of Fascism. Long account of their misdeeds is given.

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UNITA' (Communist)

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re-establish the free circulation of foodstuffs, i.e. withdraw black market, writes V.S., for the liberty of trade will not create a sudden abundance of products which actually do not exist. What the country needs is a war economy. Trade has got to be controlled.

2. Poland must have the Oder frontiers, says Unith.

3. Why can ...U.S.A. be a cooperative and remain a cooperative, independent from groups or parties?

4. France will be overthrown through the union of the people, states the Spanish Communist party. No compromise with the Falange.

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7. Teachers dream of the 2000 lire they should have had before Christmas; they have had time to dream many things; what they would get for Christmas, what they would get for the New Year, what for the "Befana"; they have dreamed of being able to buy two

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kilos of sugar (one can even buy that with 2000 lire) for their undernourished children. How long will they go on dreaming, before getting this money.

8. Some of the State employees are beginning to get their long overdue indemnities.

9. Who complains about the bad quality of bread ? At Tor-di-Nona one can buy excellent bread for 135 lire per kilo.

10. If it is not possible to prevent "lustrascarpe" from working in the streets, why not, at least, order them to do their work in secondary streets? The same thing goes for all those who deal in quantities of ugly handkerchiefs and other similar "ricordi di Roma".

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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2. It is commonly thought in the United States that

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isolationism was a great political mistake. Nevertheless isolationist tendencies are not quite dead. Some people maintain the thesis that the world should be divided in spheres of influence. However, the President stated to Congress that the task of the United States in Europe will not come to an end when the war is over. It seems that America has decided to play a greater political part in Europe. Europe will have to be ready not only to transmit impulsions, but to receive them. This would be a great asset for the reconstruction of Europe in general and of Italy in particular. (P.M.)

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4. Silvarezza is gay and optimistic; he says that Kesselr, who is a "military genius" will be saved by Badoglio when the latter comes to power; as for himself if he is not saved by "Umberto the

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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2. The three Great Powers seem to have agreed at least on one point, that is on the necessity of preventing any future possibility for Germany of becoming again a menace to European peace. We hope, writes Franco Marrone, that errors committed after the last war will have served as a lesson. The future of the German nation interests the whole of Europe; therefore the solution of this problem must have a European character and must satisfy all material and spiritual needs of the European Community which is alive in the conscience of all the people.

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3. The official organ of Maresciallo Tito published a violent article against the Italianity of Venezia Giulia, accusing Italian democracy, as far back as the beginning of the century, of "imperialist pressure on the "slovakian coast and on Crest Istria". This, says Latinus, because we had suggested the possibility of regional autonomy - for the Venezia Giulia - within a European Federation. By such an article Yugoslavia shown that she is civilly immature.

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stopped. We do not want words we want facts. Let us hope that the High Commissioner will not better than he speaks.

2. Mario Berlinguer, High Commissioner for the punishment of Fascist crimes stated that epuration should be carried out also among parties, particularly among new political organizations.

3. Fascist "gerarchi" in Northern Italy live under constant fear. They are divided into three groups: those who are wholeheartedly Nazi, those who endeavour to keep some work of Italian autonomy, and these, backed up by big industrials who are manoeuvering in order to save something after the Allies have arrived. All of them and German capitalists are flooding Swiss banks with gold.

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2. The condition of Roman hospitals is simply scandalous. The poor sick are abandoned to themselves, to die or to recover, according to their resistance. No sheets, no pyjamas; rough blankets on naked bodies; entire lack of medical or surgical materials.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Tempo comments on the Meeting and says that as soon as the Germans are united in one big Reich, they have no other thought than war; a long military occupation may put an end to this state of things. The Polish Govt of London which, a few weeks ago might have absorbed the Lublin Govt, will now have to try to get represented in liberated Poland. The Allies have now been in Italy 18 months; it is time Italy should prove to the world that thanks to them, Italy is once more alive. Otherwise, it would be impossible to speak about the reconstruction of Europe under the banner of democracy. (Filippo Ciolli)

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3. The Big Three Meeting: it is supposed that Germany will not collapse immediately after the fall of Berlin, even should all North Germany be occupied.

The problem of the future frontiers of Europe is not being discussed at present; it will be settled when the International organization for the world's peace and safety has been established.

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16. Bonomi received a delegation of the Sicilian Labour-Democracy; he expressed his interest and the rebirth and complete pacification of the island.

17. Randolph Churchill, son of the British Prime Minister, is in Rome.

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10. Mercantonio declared that Grew declaration concerning Italian armistice, does not correspond to the truth; the island of Pantelleria has already been occupied by the British who will keep it unless the clauses of the armistice are modified. "Time will prove that I am right, said M., and Italy will not get back her colonies". He then said that American Military Commands have had ready since last October, lots of food for Italy, which had not however been sent over because of British disapproval.

19. Tomorrow evening the Mother and the widow of Rosselli will speak on Radio New York.

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2. Fascism took all the prise for the "Conciliation" between the Vatican and the Italian Govt; really this conciliation had begun already in pre-Fascist times; but all this is past history, and today's Italy is trying to find her way towards a new resurrection.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Rents will be increased, but the amount of the increase has not been fixed yet.

2. With the exception of two cinemas, all the other Roman places of entertainment have refused to grant increase of salaries to their employees who have therefore gone on strike.

3. The A.S.A. says that it is impossible to have a stricter surveillance of markets unless more agents come to increase the small number of 75 the A.S.A. has at its disposal. But, says V.R., those 75 might show more enthusiasm in their work

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Not available.

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1. Interpreting the Nation's necessities, Bonomi has made two requests of the Allies; first to revise our status of cobelligerency, and second to solve the problem of the prisoners. We have given to war that contribution which the Allies have allowed us to give, and we think we have shown that we can fight; as for the second question, without being pathetic we think that it is really absurd that while many Italians are fighting with the Allies, many others should be kept as prisoners in England and in the United States. Italy's faith in the big Democracies has not changed and Italy wants to cooperate not only in her own rebirth but in that of the whole of Europe, and asks to be allowed to do so. (Arrigo Jacchia)

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2. The Giornale del Mattino denies the fact - given as certain by other newspapers and agencies, that De Gaulle has been invited to participate in the Meeting.

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3. It seems that Roosevelt will stay in Europe until the final collapse of Germany.

4. A great propaganda seems to be going on in America in favour of the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Everybody, Italians and Allies, in Italy and abroad, are against the A.C. They evidently do not realize that the A.C. is an organism of military control, formed by officers, generals, admirals whose functioning is hierarchically controlled. Though composed of competent men who know their business, the A.C. is not a perfect organism. Though they all speak the same language it is composed of men belonging to two different worlds, and they must deal with men who do not speak their language and have a very different mentality. But it is a serious, efficient and disciplined institution. The prestige of the Allies has gradually diminished in our eyes, but there is no reason to hold the A.C. responsible for this. We do, and always will, consider them, however, as our liberators.

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3. By contrast with the low level of political morality revealed at the Roatta trial the conduct of generals Pintor and Agostinucci and the minister plenipotentiary Silenzi are encouraging examples of rectitude and honesty. It was possible, as we can see from these men, to resist the corruption of Fascism and we should

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feel more hopeful listening to them if it were only not evident, as I.L. feels it is, that the same dark forces are still strong today.

4. Detailed interview with Pancallo, Commissioner of Hospitals. The situation of the hospitals is not good, he says. Particularly there are acute shortages of certain types of medicine and equipment and blankets. The Allies have done much - he expressed particular gratitude to Col. Bizzozzero - but much remains to be done. Transport and especially tires for the few cars remaining available are urgently needed.

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2. All those who have occupied certain Fascist posts - list given - are denied the right to vote.

3. What is the Govt going to do about it? Are the salaries going to be increased and when ? (Ernesto Lizzadri)

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4. V.M. hopes that the Govt may have at last understood that all workers must absolutely be helped as soon as possible.

5. The C.G.I.L. asks the Govt to form immediately the Food Commissions.

6. The personnel of the I.N.A. asks for the Administrative Committee to be installed without any further delay.

7. The decree fixing a Christmas indemnity to State and private employees has been published at last.

MONITO

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3. Antonini, President of Italo-American Labor Council appealed to Roosevelt asking that Italy's territorial integrity should be respected.

4. After all the public baths of Palazzo Ruspoli have been requisitioned by the Allies. How will Rome's population keep clean now?

5. The Italian Red Cross will provide anti-smallpox inoculations free of charge. List of available dispensaries is given.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. News from England testifies to the increasing sympathies of the masses towards the British liberal party. Giorgio Granata reviews the Liberal Congress held in London at the beginning of the month. The Liberals' program can be summarised in two words; freedom and security, which do not exclude each other for the man who is not free is not secure either. He then reviews and approves of the Beveridge plan.

2. The undersecretary for occupied territories spoke yesterday to the University students, recalling the deeds of the partisans, and explaining the reasons why Italy must contribute to the war effort.

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3. Bonomi received Col. Poletti.

4. Antonini spoke to American workers; he thanked them for their contribution towards relief for Italy; he declared himself proud of the results so far attained, but said he expects to get still more.

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5. The French Govt has so far taken no steps toward recognition of the Italian Govt.

6. It seems that De Gaulle has been invited to join the Big Three.

7. Tremelloni will safeguard Italian interests in America.

8. A meeting of women workers was held yesterday; they commemorated the women who died in the fight against Nazi-Fascists, and then pointed out the importance of having obtained the right to vote.

9. Bronchi informed the C.G.I.L. that the Govt is studying the economic conditions of the working classes. Next week the Segreteria Confederale will be invited to participate in the meetings which will be held at the Presidency. Therefore the Segreteria has invited the Camere del Lavoro and the Sindacati to postpone for a few days any decisive action.

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17. The decree for the 'Christmas 1944 allotment' has finally been published.

18. A locality on the Black Sea was chosen for the meeting for Stalin wanted to keep in touch with his Headquarters.

19. Secret agents are making pro-German propaganda in Sweden and in Switzerland.

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20. The Burgomaster of Koenigsberg has been hanged for having deserted his post.

21. The Allies will fight the Germans till the end; they may however at a certain moment declare the war to be over and consider the Nazis who will go on fighting as bands of guerrillas. The Germans did the same in Poland.

22. German workers will have to rebuild Europe, stated Citrine. Germany must be democratized. The authorities of occupation will form the Govt.

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2. Ricostruzione comments on the cooperation given by the Italian Navy to the Allies.

3. The F.a.I. has been dissolved. It must be remembered that F.a.I. collaborated usefully with the clandestine organization,

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and that many German or Fascist police operations failed because P.A.I. had given timely warning.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The Roman Republic was commemorated yesterday on the Gianicolo. Giuseppe Romita, of the Socialist party, said that Italians must take example from the Republic of 1849, to form a lasting Republic, based on social legislature. Comandini, of the Action party, said that the "Costituente" will be a tribunal without appeal. Then finally Facciardi made his speech, declaring himself convinced that Italian anti-clericalism is now dead and will never appear again, unless the Church oppose the peoples' aspirations; he then violently attacked monarchy and expressed his conviction that the future Italian Republic will be able to solve all social problems. He expressed his disapproval on the way in which epuration is being carried on and his lack of confidence in the high court of Justice which he considers "too kind". Italy's resurrection will take place, he ended, when the gun announcing the proclamation of the Italian Republic is fired from the Gianicolo.

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(Giuseppe Saragat)

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2. The monarchic Babeuf writes that Macltzev and the reactionary groups had relations with Salvarezza. But Salvarezza, [illegible] the Avanti, has also been in relations with the Luogotenente and his Generals.... so "ex ore tuo te iudico".

3. What goes on at the R.A.I. ? Last August the Allies named Luigi Russo Commissario for the Italian Radio. His entire lack of competence and knowledge about all things concerning Radio has put him in the hands of the Fascist chiefs of the ex-EIAR. So now Fascist methods and Fascist mentality do not allow the Italian Wireless to become a democratic organism.

4. Discontent is increasing among workers; at the F.A.I.I.T. works a white strike was held for an hour yesterday.

5. After twenty years of fascist archeologic & rhetoric, we cannot now ignore the problem of Rome; the town must be industrialized to become the worthy capital of democratic Italy. (Subalpino)

6. An international socialist meeting was held in Lyon; Fausto Nitti spoke for Italy.

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4. Discontent is increasing among workers; at the F.A.I.A.T. works a white strike was held for an hour yesterday.

5. After twenty years of Fascist archeologic & rhetoric, we cannot now ignore the problem of Rome; the town must be industrialized to become the worthy capital of democratic Italy. (Subalpino)

6. An international socialist meeting was held in Lyon; Pausto Nitti spoke for Italy.

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2. Without necessarily going back to autarchy, Southern Italy might produce a certain amount of cotton; Allied authorities are studying this possibility.

3. The Manchester Guardian says that is is not surprising that Italy cannot any longer meet the Armistice clauses; Italy has no idea she would have to pay occupation expenses for such a long time, while her towns and villages continue being destroyed. The Italian situation is really very serious, and we don't see how Italy can possibly begin her economic reconstruction as long as war goes on in the Country. The fact that Italy has been an enemy till a short while ago, goes on the M.G., does not authorize the Allies to ignore the situation; a collapse of Italy might have very serious economic and political consequences even in the rest of Europe. The United States seem to realize this problem better than England does; we do not want something similar to what happened in Greece, to happen in Italy too.

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and public initiative working to produce and supply goods for consumption, aiding in the establishment of cooperatives and making every effort to have the bread ration increased.

2. Strange requests. The Yugoslav government has made an unreasonable request for extradition and trial of the Generals it considers war criminals. Italy is an anti-fascist Democratic country, quite competent to conduct its own trials. There should be no confusion between Italy and Germany in these matters: Germany is still recalcitrant; Italy threw off Fascism by her own efforts two years ago... Nor should it be forgotten that Tito's people are not always Fascists. The conservatives represented by Mihailovic and the Italians of any party who feel that Trieste and Fiume are Italian be regards as enemies. (Corriere)

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MOMENTO

1. The results of the Big Three meeting are most satisfactory, writes Il Momento. Russia, Great Britain and America after being united in the huge war effort will also be united in the reconstruction work. The validity of the Atlantic Charter principles has been confirmed. Small nations too can now look to the future with some hope.

2. House Owners Association presented a memorandum to the Govt asking for increase of rents. The C.G.I.L. would accept it on condition that flexible wage system was adopted. The Tenants

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Association refused to accept any increase in rents.

3. Physicians of Rome "Ospedali Riuniti" held a meeting where the desperate situation of hospitals was examined. A commission will be appointed whose task will be to obtain all possible facilities.

[redacted] Il Messaggero asks Miss Archibald of the American Red Cross to consider the sad situation in which people working at the cinema Teresa would find themselves if this cinema were also requisitioned.

DOPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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3. What has the Court of Accounts been doing during the fascist regime? If it "controlled", how did it not discover all the frauds that were taking place?

4. Antonini is neither an Italian nor an American; he is simply an anti-Communist. He does not care about Trieste or Italy, only about opposing Communism. (Belfagor).

5. Something must be done to prevent the workers from starving.

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7. The C.C. for National Liberation has received Russo President of the C.L.N. in France.

8. Horthy, Imredy and Szalasy have been denounced as war criminals by the Yugoslav Gvt.

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9. The typographers will be given 90 more lire a day. The proposals of the employers have been temporarily accepted.

10. The C.G.I.L. asks for the constitution of 'Commissioni Annonarie' which would control black market and fraud.

11. Attack of Luigi Antonini against the Communists for having said they were ready to give Trieste, Fiume and Zara to Yugoslavia. Personal attack against Togliatti. Antonini asks where he got funds from.

12. Fiorello La Guardia, speaking on the wireless on Sunday, said that the Atlantic Charter is as real today as it was on the day of its first appearance. The Allies, he said, should proclaim the principles of the Charter to the whole world, stating that for this Charter many millions of men have given their lives so as to allow other millions of men to live. The Charter cannot be modified, he ended, but should be considered as a solemn and unchangeable document which can speak to millions of free and happy people in a renewed world.

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19. According to the Atlantic Charter, every nation will have the right to choose its own form of Govt. They will get back their sovereign rights and the self Govt of which they had been deprived through the aggression of other nations. The three Powers will help a) to establish peace conference; b) to bring relief to the population; c) to establish temporary Govt which will represent all national democratic currents, and which will have to resign as

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quickly as possible in favour of Govts really conforming to the will of the people, freely elected; d) to facilitate the convocation of the people for the elections.

20. A new temporary Polish Govt will be constituted. It will have to be a Govt of national union. The present temporary Govt which is in Poland should have a greater democratic basis and ask democratic statesmen both inside the country and out to participate

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6. All the Roman press, i.e. Roman public opinion, asks for the list of the names of the members of the O.V.R.A. to be rendered public. But P.S. defends the professional secret; in other words the publication of this list would compromise the faith that all spies must have in the discretion of their employees. It seems that in this modern world even the most democratic states, for reasons of self defence, cannot do without such services. (e.n.m.)

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L'INDIPENDENTE - E.K.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. The Pope received a group of surgeons working for the Allied military forces; he praised their work and their highly humanitarian mission.

2. Roosevelt asked the American Congress to accept the proposals made by the Bretton Woods financial conference, concerning the institution of an international bank. He said that it is necessary to make sure that peace is based on solid basis of international, economic and political collaboration. This international bank should guarantee loans, in foreign currency, to allow reconstruction and commercial development of all those countries which will have joined the organisation.

3. The Osservatore answers the attack made on the Vatican by the Russian Church, by saying that the only Vatican intervention which might justify this reproach is represented by the Pope's words in his Christmas message "urbis et orbis", in which the Pope said that it is difficult to avoid making all the people pay for the errors of their Govt.

4. Dr. E.K. writes on the tragic condition of Roman hospitals.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Commenting on the Yalta Conference, Quotidiano says that though it has reasserted the principles of the Atlantic Charter it says nothing definite about the means which will be used to reorganize Europe, or about the collaboration of Europe and of the various nations. Will the three Powers supported by France and China act as a kind of Holy Alliance? In this case, the solution would be most precarious. Either Europe will be reorganized as a federation with a democratic regime, or there will be no possibility of eliminating further disagreements. No mention is made of Italy, which is included in the group of liberated nations in need of democratic regimes, but to live, such regimes need foodstuffs, raw materials, funds, etc... otherwise, they will degenerate into demagogy, first step towards dictatorship - The Yalta meeting gives no certainty for an efficient organization of peace. (Igino Giordani)

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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to make sure that peace is based on solid basis of international, economic and political collaboration. This international bank should guarantee loans, in foreign currency, to allow reconstruction and commercial development of all those countries which will have joined the organisation.

3. The Osservatore answers the attack made on the Vatican by the Russian Church, by saying that the only Vatican intervention which might justify this reproach is represented by the Pope's words in his Christmas message "urbis et orbis", in which the Pope said that it is difficult to avoid making all the people pay for the errors of their Govt.

4. Dr. D.M. writes on the tragic condition of Roman hospitals.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Commenting on the Yalta Conference, Quotidiano says that though it has reasserted the principles of the Atlantic Charter it says nothing definite about the means which will be used to reorganize Europe, or about the collaboration of Europe and of the various nations. Will the three Powers supported by France and China act as a kind of Holy Alliance? In this case, the solution would be most precarious. Either Europe will be reorganized as a federation with a democratic regime, or there will be no possibility of eliminating further disagreements. No mention is made of Italy, which is included in the group of liberated nations in need of democratic regimes, but to live, such regimes need foodstuffs, raw materials, funds, etc... otherwise, they will degenerate into demagogy, first step towards dictatorship - The Yalta meeting gives no certainty for an efficient organization of peace. (Igino Giordani)

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The commemoration of the Roman Republic has marked a stepping stone in the advance of democracy. Not a victory, not the conquest

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of freedom or democracy within a Republican Govt, but the promise of a victory. This victory is still far off, and the parties will be able to conquer it only if they really want to, by passing from manifestations to reconstruction; democracy will also have to fight against its own weaknesses and its own defects and excesses. The fight against monarchy must be firm and resolute, otherwise what good will the words pronounced on Sunday on the Gianicolo do ?

2. In the Roman hospitals very soon the doctors' work will only consist in giving the patients moral assistance; if they want to find any sort of medicine, the only place where they can go for it is the black market. And why does the Commissario of the Roman hospitals try to show the Americans that our hospitals are not as needy as they really are ?

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4. The Sindaco of Canicatti, in Sicily, is a separatist and he does not make a mystery of his ideals; the local C.L.N. has informed the Prefect of Agrigento, and the High Commissioner Aldisio, but nothing seems to happen....

5. The I.N.S. did not interpret quite rightly Antonini's words. He did not really pronounce himself against Italian Communism, though he is an anti-Communist; he realizes that the Socialist party had to join the Communist one in the fight against Fascism.

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2. It is not possible to live, in Rome, without patronizing the black market.

3. Rossini declared, at a press meeting, that Italy's request to be allowed to have commercial dealings with the Allied Countries has been granted. An interministerial Committee and the Allied Commission are studying a plan by which Italy will also be able to deal with Switzerland, by giving, in exchange for raw materials for our works, concessions and depots in Genoa and internal war transport towards the Adriatic.

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4. L'Epoca calls our newspaper an organ representing the point of view of industrialist circles; the Globo is an economic newspaper for information on reconstruction and represents the thought of all classes of workers and employers.

5. Details on the difference of rations allotted to various classes of workers.

6. The Ente Assistenziale will have to spend, in 1945, 175 million lire; follow details.

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2. Though defended by AVANTI, says Scbeuf, the Socialist prefect of Reggio Calabria has been attacked by three parties of the local C.L.N. What action will the minister of Interior take ? If he

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is not moved by the appeal of three parties (all of them in the Govt. coalition) we must deduce that the prefect Priolo has been recognized tacitly as the "barone" of Reggio.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. The results of the Crimea meeting must have sounded bitter to German ears, says Il Lavoro.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. In a third article by Don Sturzo relations between Italy and the Allies are examined. It concludes by saying that the armistice terms should be "adjusted" or that a temporary peace should be enforced. It is absurd that the Italian people should be hurt and humiliated by the secrecy of the armistice terms whilst other ex-enemy countries were at once informed of their destiny.

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2. The Archbishop of Fermo reports on conditions of this town. Three fourths of its buildings have been destroyed by air raids and shelling. Follows a detailed account of Fascist atrocities. Conditions after the Allied occupation have not improved according to the Archbishop. Apart from requisitioning many buildings which might be repaired or are still intact are pulled down and the material is used for repairing roads or for firewood. The population near the front line is ordered to evacuate at such short notice that they have no time to take their belongings with them. Cattle have to be left behind and lost; stacks of wheat are used for shelters.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Nazis were speculating on the collapse of the democratic front. Many obscure forces in Italy or abroad had the same hope. The Crimea Conference has shown democratic nations are united and mean to use their unity to rebuild a better world. Unità asks those who still feel nostalgia for the past to follow democracy.

2. Unità supports Yugoslavia's request for war criminals to be

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handed over to her: in Italy, war criminals are not punished as they should; there have been some scandalous absolutions.

3. Unità gives the comments of the Soviet Press about the Yalta Conference.

4. Di Vittorio will represent the C.G.I.L. in London at the Trade Unions Conference.

5. A slight increase in the salaries of the workers will not solve the food problem. The system of the 'scala mobile' must be established.

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12. The Italian problem has certainly been discussed in Crimea. Italy's position would be dealt with by Section V of the statement on Liberated Europe. (I.N.S.)

13. Roosevelt and Churchill may possibly have reached an agreement with Stalin about the participation of Russia in the war against Japan. The San Francisco Conference starts 12 days after

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the fourth anniversary of the signature of the non-aggression treaty between Japan and Russia which would have to be renewed if it is to go on. The position of Russia can be cleared up before the Conference.

14. Senator Collers has made another motion for the Lend Lease law to be extended to Italy.

15. The Polish Govt in London met this morning to examine the situation. (Reuter)

16. A new party has been founded in France: the 'Parti de Regroupement Republicain' composed of the members of the ex Parti Social Francais, which took the part of De Gaulle when their leader, Col. de Larocque took the part of Vichy.

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26. Statement of the Chief of the Press Office: from May on, a large amount of raw materials will be sent by the Allies to Italy. The Interministerial Committee in agreement with the Allied Commission is preparing a plan for imports and exports with Switzerland which might supply equipment for Italian plants. Similar relations will also be studied with other countries.

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27. President Bonomi has not stated that England had taken away 250 thousand tons of foodstuffs from Italy. Italy is supplying England with oranges, and gets foodstuffs from the Allies in compensation.

28. The Italian Govt is examining Gen. Orlando's situation.

29. The Italian Govt informs the German Authorities that they will be held responsible for the atrocities committed in occupied Italy.

30. The Chief of the Press Office stated that the Italian Govt had not made any request concerning an alliance; the requests concerned the greater participation in the war, the financial situation, and the status of the prisoners of war.

31. The Sicilian Committee is drafting a project of political, juridical and economic organization for Sicily.

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DEFENSE OF THE A.C.

from 'IL GLOBO' 11 Feb (written though not signed by Luigi Barzini)

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It is true, as the ladies of Anglo-Saxon journalism say, that tuberculosis is reaping its harvest among the population, that the lack of essential raw materials and means of transport paralyzes the little economic life that is left to us, that our last remaining means (a few old ships, sailing boats, automobiles, railway lines) are to a great extent requisitioned, that many factories that could be put in use again are occupied and used as warehouses.

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It is true that the provisions that the Allies found at Naples and elsewhere have been put to their service with catastrophic effect on our rehabilitation. It is true that the bills for every expense are sent to the Italian government. It is true that it is impossible to find the necessary tonnage for the three hundred grams of bread and even for linking us with our islands and the countries of the Mediterranean that might be able to supply us with useful products. It is true too that we are unable to carry on trade with neutrals.

No one can deny that all these decisions, or absence of decisions, have had serious political repercussions with influences on the future. The prestige of the Allies, whom the Italians truly consider their liberators (only we know what it is like to see the Germans in flight and the sinister terror of occupation disappear) has been diminishing from day to day. Weariness and lack of confidence have paralyzed even those Italians who had fought in the maquis, who had published the clandestine journals who had looked forward to the arrival of the Anglo-Americans as one looks forward to the dawn after a night of nightmares. The testing ground of the new Atlantic world, the world of human collaboration, has given very bad results.

All this is obvious. Nobody denies it.

But it is too easy to say that it is the A.C.'s fault. If things did not go as the Italians had hoped meanwhile, it is not Admiral Ellery Stone's fault. The A.C. had to obey orders; orders as precise as military orders are. They have been obeyed and we Italians know how often and with how much comprehension, all rough corners have been smoothed by the men who are in the provinces or in the small offices in direct contact with the public. How often orders arriving from London or from Washington received no publicity whatever, were not even confessed, in the hope that they might be modified.

The A.C. is not to blame.

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4. Article on so far unknown particulars on the Matteotti trial.

5. Ledi gives some women's opinions on womens' right to vote.

6. One used to say that tram and bus conductors deserved the prize in arrogance and bad behaviour; the camionettisti, who want to take the place of busses and trams, seem to have inherited this prize too.

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2. Col. Stevens of the London Radio stresses the following points about the Crimea Conference: The Big Three have proved they did not mean to abuse their victory. The United Nations will help without delay liberated countries to reestablish order and to go back to a free and independent life. Europe is now forming an organic whole in which Italy cannot be ignored.

3. Mario Verdi of the New York Radio realizes the disappointment of Italy but does not think that the silence of the official communiqué means that Italian requests have been turned down.

4. Great infantile mortality in the foundling hospital. The food is inadequate. There is no milk and no clothing for the children. 40% are dying. (Irene)

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3. To hear the testimony at the Rosetti-Jacomoni trial one would think that only Mussolini knew what he was doing and was responsible for everything. Even the poor King probably signed the declaration of war under the impression it was some small household matter! No, says V.E., this is too much.

4. Approval of increased gas ration; suggests slight change in hours of supply.

5. Letter from "a group of civilian employees" protesting at efforts of the military to insert themselves into civilian agencies. Col. Galle has been proposed as head of Civil Aviation and another of the same ilk - one Viola - has been put at head of the Aeronautica's "speccio cooperative". Both of these men were "volunteers" in Spain. And of course Remondino is still on the job.

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6. First ex-Zoller, then ex-Fascist, now Prof. Zolli is also an ex-Rabbino. We really have no sympathy for any "ex", and still less for this special one who, while other Jews were raided and killed in Rome, spent his time peacefully hiding in a convent.

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7. Time of elections is approaching; some kind of preparations ought to be made.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Approving comment on Bonomi's speech to Purgation Committee. The operation will be carried out without undue harshness but with justice and humanity. Perhaps this indicates that Italians are not as young a people as some others where revolutionary violence gives immediate outlet to the passions of the masses but it is, by the same token, says the GIORNALE, an indication of maturity and civilization.

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2. Hard to kill. First the CVNA which is still in power, now (at the Roatta trial) a number of minor functionaries who were collaborators in Fascist policies and who are still at their posts. How can we expect the outside world to believe in the new democratic Italy as long as this situation continues ? asks I.L.

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3. On unsanitary conditions of black market. (See Globo, supra).

4. Supply trucks come back empty from Sulmona. Local authorities will not let them load vegetables on the pretext that the people of Sulmona are short of food and there might be a public disturbance. I.L. criticizes action of the local officials and appeals to central authorities.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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5. Article by Quirinetta on the sad conditions of the girls employed at the "Upim" stores. Their salaries vary from 1000 to 1500 lire per month; how can they possibly live ?

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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paper whilst in Rome one can read as many as twentyfive of them. It is time that the capital made some sacrifices for the "periferia".

3. The Italian delegation to the World Labor Congress will leave today.

4. Giuseppe Sola, after describing how many industrialists made money with Fascism, concludes by saying that wealth has to be destroyed but also the individualistic and antisocial mentality supporting it.

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2. Italian public opinion has every right to be bewildered, says Tempo, considering the way it is informed by the Press Office.

3. The political prisoners of Regina Coeli mutinied 'en masse' and asked to be set free. It is supposed that Salvatezza might be responsible for the trouble.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Very long article explaining that if no mention has been made

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about Italy during the Yalta Conference, this is certainly due to the fact that epuration is not being done as it should, and that obscure reactionary groups are opposing a democratic and anti-Fascist policy, and that liberty of press is granted to 'obscene' anti-Soviet and anti-Yugoslav papers.

2. Unità obviously resents Federici's article in yesterday's Quotidiano especially the bit which suggest that the Communists may have been opposed to war mainly because they would have to fight it. This says Unità is a 'dirty infamy' which disgraces both Mr. Federici and 'Quotidiano'.

3. The agrarian law should be enforced, but of course, landowners do everything to oppose it.

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8. The A.S.A. opens an attack against all de luxe restaurants and fashionable "trattorie".

9. All newspapers complain about the anti-hygienic way in which food is kept by black market dealers.

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10. Samuel Rosenman, personal representative of Roosevelt, has left for Italy, where, according to the Ass. Press he will meet Roosevelt. It seems that then R. will go to Paris; if he does, one of the greatest scandals will probably break out: it concerns instructions given by the President about relief to be distributed to the French civilians and which was not handed over by the Military Authorities. In Italy he will probably meet a group of American journalists to whom he will express his views on the situation.

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19. Prime Minister Churchill stopped at Athens where he made a speech to more that 20 thousand people.

20. The Assessore of Sulmona prevented the A.S.A. from transporting 3.000 qls. of beans to Rome for he thought he would get a better price on the free market.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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inexistent, but all the same, writes the Osservatore, we believe that if hospitals were still, as they used to be, under clerical control, they would get on much better.

QUOTIDIANO (Catholic Independent)

1. The 'euro pane' indemnity is not going to solve the problem, writes Piero Chiminelli; in Italy most of the Agriculturist and most of the people who are well off make their own bread. Tradesmen, intellectual workers etc buy their bread, but they can rise their prices or ask for higher salaries. The real poor, those who have no means of increasing their income, will have to bear the burden of the new price of bread.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. It is not the fault of the German people if they thought

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they had found a saviour in Hitler; but we Germans are certainly responsible, writes Thomas Mann, for what Germany has become. We cannot ask other Nations to make a distinction between Nazism and Germany.

2. For the first time in the history of relations between the State and its dependents the Govt. has accepted to gather the representatives of the various Syndicates before deciding measures interesting them, said Lizzadri, referring to the discussions still going on between Ministers and C.G.I.L. delegates.

3. The Govt. should not forget that the refugees of Cinecittà live in miserable conditions.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Lucci on the financial situation. Raising salaries does not solve the problem of rising prices which is inherent in lack of production and even more in the break down of distribution through lack of transport. In line with his usual thesis in favor

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of private enterprise he implies that UNRRA has paralyzed transport. One concrete thing is proposed: Italy must interest the U.S. (the only country that really can help, he says) in her problem as soon as possible.

2. Long news summary with commentary accusing Bonomi government of incompetence in facing the high cost of living problem and suggesting that people are near the breaking point.

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3. If the Italian contribution to the war effort has not been as great as we could have liked it to be, it is not our fault, said Don Sturzo, but it is because of the policy inforced on us by the Allies.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The total income of Italy is about 94 milliard, which means an average income of 2298 Lire (this in 1928). This income is small compared to that of the citizens of the neighbouring countries. At present, everybody says that Italy must have a large number of well-paid employees. Where is the State going to find the money to pay them well, asks Erasmo? The social problem of Italy will not be solved by a better distribution of incomes only. The national income must increase; then it will be possible to increase the average income of the middle classes.

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2. The Treasury of the United States has let it be understood that good progress has been made during the meetings with the members of the Italian economic mission which are in the States for the financial and industrial reconstruction of Italy. (I.N.S.)

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3. It is commonly believed that Roosevelt will go and see the Pope and try to reestablish friendly relations between the Kremlin and the Vatican.

4. The ex-Prime Minister Mikolajczyk, the party of the peasants,

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some of the Christian Democrats and of the Socialists have not associated themselves with the protest of the Polish Govt. in London. (Reuter)

5. A Press campaign is starting in U.S.A. to have the Yalta decisions concerning Poland reconsidered at the San Francisco Conference.

6. South American countries are returning to protectionism and strictly nationalist economy.

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people have also been established. Mills and 'pasta' factories will be controlled.

20. The request of the C.G.I.L. has been granted and workers and employees will get an immediate rise of salary.

21. Antonini has asked the Department of State to re-examine the problem of the Italian prisoners of war, especially of those who are in North Africa.

22. Deputy Vito Marcantonio will draw the attention of American public opinion on the requests of the Bonomi Govt. about the revision of the armistice clauses. He will emphasize the needs of Italy from the point of view of finance and alimentation, as well as Italy's wish to send half a million men to fight Germany and Japan.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

L'EPOCA (Independent Socialist)

1. According to the Yalta declarations the liberal and democratic principles expressed in the Atlantic Charter should become reconciled with the idea of a world organised on principles of strength; we remain rather perplexed before these compromises which remind us too much of the unsuccessful experience of the last war which brought about the Versailles treaties and the League of Nation, with the results we all know. If the Dumbarton Oaks plan is applied without substantial changes, Europe and the whole world might repeat the unfortunate experience of the twenty years 1919-1939. So we can only hope, writes Tullio Vacchietti, that the sense of moral responsibility towards the whole of humanity may overcome all difficulties so as to assure a lasting peace to the world.

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1. Bonomi has received, during these last days, delegations of workers and of employees; he listened to their simple and free words; this fact reveals the new democratic style of the Govt. It would be a crime and also an absurdity to go against such a Govt. (Francaville)

2. It is a good sign that the Italian resentment against the Daily Mail has not yet died down; this reaction means that though we are ill there is hope for a speedy recovery; but all the same

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we must not exaggerate as if the whole of England was against us. It may be of some consolation, to those who have taken the thing too seriously, to remember that in 1923, visiting the British cemetery near Asiago, King George said that England will never forget her debt of civilisation towards Italy.

3. An unknown plane machine-gunned the Maccarese region yesterday morning.

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QUOTIDIANO (Catholic Independent)

1. Comments of Federici on the Yalta Conference: The Polish Govt. of London has been sacrificed by England in exchange for a few guarantees about the democratic evolution of the new Poland patronized by Russia. These guarantees are not worth much for Russia gives to the concept of democracy a class meaning which is in direct opposition with British liberalism. While Poland is given even to Russia, a temporary compromise has been reached about Germany. The methods which have been followed do not correspond to the spirit of the Atlantic Charter. Considering these precedents, the prospects for a peace based on Justice, for an international order which would give safety and legal equality to all countries whether big or small do not seem very encouraging.

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leave behind all their war material; arms, ammunitions, and, what is more important, all vehicles.

3. The Italian film industry had a golden period before the first world war; then the value, and therefore the importance of the Italian films gradually diminished. Now, asks Guido Luzzatto, has this industry the right to live?

4. It seems that the directors and representatives of the Baldwin Locomotive Works are coming to Italy; this Philadelphia firm specializes in railway constructions and export of locomotives.

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2. The town is hungry: "white" strike at the S.T.A.; workers ask for dismissal of those directors guilty of "collaborationism".

3. We really cannot say anything against a man who in such a moment has had the great courage to accept the post of Minister of the Treasury; but Soleri and the Govt. to which he belongs must realize that it is urgent to alleviate the workers hard condition; the workers must be fed, they must be paid enough at least to buy food with.

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4. The Borgo Pio black market was as crowded as usual yesterday, and the prices were just as high.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Gino De Sanctis thinks that the C.L.N. should be divided into blocks Left, Centre and Right; the alliance between Socialist and Communists might be considered the left block, though an alliance between two such parties, one of which is in the Govt and the other in the opposition, is rather absurd. The writer believes that the C.L.N., by being formed by three blocks rather than by six parties, would gain in strength.

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3. Story of the Lazzi company in Pistoia. Having notoriously enriched themselves through Fascism the Lazzi brothers had their goods confiscated. Suddenly there came an order from the Alto Commissario to revoke the confiscation order. This would have been done had not A.M.G. stepped in. Now the affair is under examination but certainly there is something very queer in this story, suggests I.L.

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IL LIB. NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Some figures cited to show increase in death rate, largely due to rise in figures for cancer, tuberculosis and infant mortality.

2. Many raids on the "black market". But many shops were not raided. I.N. hints rather obscurely at favoritism, connivance, etc.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. It is owing particularly to the pressure of the Syndicates that the Govt. has with unusual speed announced a series of financial and food measures; but more than in the measures themselves we are interested in the way these measures will be applied. We now wait for industry and Commerce to come to similar decisions so as to bring relief also to private workers and employees.

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4. Some omnibuses won't be running today because they did not get a certain yellow permit.

5. At last the commission for journalists' epuration has started working. Of the long list of epurated journalists only one was still writing, that is Guglielmo Giannini director of "L'Uomo qualunque". How did he get a licence for running a newspaper if his past was so bad as to epurate him ?

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The results of the Council of Ministries debates are most satisfactory, writes Giulio Andreotti. We approve of the abolition of political price for bread. Of course the middle class will resent it, but we hope that something will be done also for them. Particularly interesting is the setting up of the "Fondo di solidarietà nazionale". Let us hope that the richier ones will realize that it is up to them to fill up the gaps in our finances.

2. The problem of colonies was discussed at Hot Springs, Virginia. Different points of view of the various representatives are reported. Il Popolo agrees entirely with the American point of view.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Lorenzo Barbera explain the ethical, historical, political and economic reasons for which 'Venezia Giulia' should be Italian. Minorities should be adequately protected, and the management of the harbours should be organized so as to favour the interests of the countries which have to make use of these harbours. Minorities should be given not only equality of rights, but also the right to appeal to a higher authority than that of the State they are included in.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The gold sterling is now worth 11.000 Lire, writes Tempo. Though the State is trying to reorganize the budget, many people speculate on panic. The only way for the Italian to save their savings is to keep calm, and ignore the so called 'tips of the speculators'.

2. The Press Office of the Presidency of the Council admitted a propos of the Macchia Madama wood that the State was unable to protect the interests of the citizens. This is almost an invitation to unauthorized woodcutters to proceed with their work of destruction.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità approves of the regulations issued by the Council of Ministers. The present miserable conditions of the working class have been caused by Fascism; there should no longer be profiteers living in luxury while the working masses starve. Italy needs a policy of national solidarity which will guarantee to the working masses that the rise of the price of bread will not be a new burden.

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1. Lorenzo Barbera explain the ethical, historical, political and economic reasons for which 'Venezia Giulia' should be Italian. Minorities should be adequately protected, and the management of the harbours should be organized so as to favour the interests of the countries which have to make use of these harbours. Minorities should be given not only equality of rights, but also the right to appeal to a higher authority than that of the State they are included in.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The gold sterling is now worth 11.000 lire, writes Tempo. Though the State is trying to reorganize the budget, many people speculate on panic. The only way for the Italian to save their savings is to keep calm, and ignore the so called 'tips of the speculators'.

2. The Press Office of the Presidency of the Council admitted a propos of the Macchia Madame wood that the State was unable to protect the interests of the citizens. This is almost an invitation to unauthorized woodcutters to proceed with their work of destruction.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità approves of the regulations issued by the Council of Ministers. The present miserable conditions of the working class have been caused by Fascism; there should no longer be profiteers living in luxury while the working masses starve. Italy needs a policy of national solidarity which will guarantee to the working masses that the rise of the price of bread will not be a new burden.

2. For two days there have been no papers in Naples, but in Rome there is real orgy of 'provoking newspapers, which are quite useless and whose policy and financial basis are not clear.

3. Resolution of the Italian Communist Party about the Sicilian question: The fundamental duty of the Communists is to fight for the unity of the Sicilian people defending the rights of a free Sicily in a democratic Italy. The democratic and anti-Fascist forces of Sicily must contribute to the war effort. The new 'Consulta' must draft a plan of regulations which will meet the most urgent needs of the population. The Sicilian Communists will draft

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regulations to solve the following urgent problems: epuration, alimentation, problem of land, transport, administrative elections.

4. From yesterday's Unità: A.C. announces that Italian exports, during the month of Jun. have been much more numerous than in any previous month; 19.592 tons of goods were exported, for a value of 153 million lire; follow details.

GENERAL

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10. The question of the Far East creates difficulties between France and England.

11. The British Govt. is examining together with the American Govt. the question of the indiscretion a propos of the Letter of Churchill to Franco, which had not yet been communicated to the House of Commons.

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12. Continuing its fight against the black market, the A.S.A., helped by the Municipal Police, in the presence of the Sindaco of Rome, has requisitioned ten tons of food from the Piazza Re di Roma black market.

13. The Council of Ministers: regulations have been made to rehabilitate the budget: a) abolition of the political price of bread; b) creation of Commission which will suppress the expenses which are not indispensible; c) fiscal regulations to increase the revenue; d) institution of commissions to control private incomes; e) institution of a fund of national solidarity.- The property of the men who fulfilled important charges under the past regime will be confiscated. - Regulations have also been made to control the rise of prices and curb black market: a) commissions of control and vigilance; b) soup kitchens, 'spacci' etc. - Increase of salaries, part of which may be paid in tickets to be used for the purchase of foodstuffs and clothing in special stores.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. The deliberations taken by the Council of Ministers, preceded by discussions and meetings, gave one the impression of being a series of measures put together just anyhow, writes e.s. The Govt. has tried to stop the continual increase of prices and the lack of food, by a new inflation.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - N.N.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. We had admired Colosso when he spoke from Radio Londra, and also when he came back to Italy from his exile; but we really do not approve of the campaign he is carrying on, under the name of Subalpino, in favour of the "Terza Roma". We prefer the name of Roma without any addition to it. (u.m.)

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4. In Northern Italy too there are many trials, but the difference between them and the ones we have here is that in the North those accused do not deny their charges; they openly admit being anti-fascist. We wish we could hear in liberated Italy somebody saying: Yes, I was a fascist, I still am one. We would probably shake hands with him and not condemnhim.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Col. Jenny, director of the A.C. Public Works Sub-Commission, announced that two thirds of the town of Cassino will be left in the present condition and considered a national monument.

2. The Unit of the "Volontari della libertà" is being reorganised; the C.L.N. would like it to become a unit of the National Army.

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3. The vote should be considered as a duty; very few of the Rome evacuees and refugees have registered so far.

4. The population is beginning to realize at last that the only effect the fixed prices have is that of making all food disappear.

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5. Nine hundred Italian Jews to leave for Palestine, declared the envoi of the Jerusalem Sionists, Umberto Kahon.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Among the praiseworthy measures devised by the Govt with unusual speed we must point out the "appeal to the goodwill of the people", says Achille Grandi.

2. Is the paper question and the fact that Naples was without newspapers for two days going to cause the resignation of Rossini and Liboneti ?

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3. How is it that the four thousand OVRA agents have suddenly become a few insignificant individuals ?

4. Commenting on black market raids Il Popolo writes that although very important they have only a negative result. The sources of black market should be hit and also more rationed food should be distributed.

5. About the Giannini case, although in the last issue of his newspaper "L'Uomo Qualunque" he threw false accusations against "Il Popolo", it does not seem a right procedure that whenever

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the Epuration Committee wishes to stop the publication of a newspaper they simply epurate its director.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Article on partisan war by Manlio Lupinacci.

2. Risorgimento comments on the Communiqué of the Govt. appealing to the national solidarity of the citizens. The regulations issued by the Council of Ministers ask for constant collaboration on the part of the citizens; the big plan for economic rehabilitation is based on collaboration and solidarity between the Govt. and the citizens.

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3. Il Contribuente doubts whether the new regulations made by the Govt. will really work.

4. The situation in Budapest; praise of the Russians. (Capt. Kurbatow)

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Article of Scoccimarro about the partisan movement.

2. Attack against the Commissario Prefettizio of Lazzaro, Giovanni Wien; Unità says he was a fascist.

3. Unità protests against 'the scandal of the paper allotment and of the newspapers'.

4. Article of Ruggero Grieco: Italian women have now a great responsibility: having been given the right to vote. They still have plenty to do before winning full parity of rights with men.

GENERAL

1. Bevan agrees with the Big Three that in future, Germany must be prevented from rearming. He believes that this can only be done by creating an Allied Control Commission which would have the supervision of German industry, by limiting the imports of raw materials for war industry and by preventing Germany from buying war material abroad. Bevan disagrees with those who believe that German industry must be destroyed; without industry 'Germany cannot arm a modern army but she cannot live either'. German industry is necessary to Europe. The attempt to destroy German industry hides the wish to get rid of German industrial competition. The Allied milieux should remember that Germany is not only the country which is responsible for two world wars? It is also the land of 80 million Europeans who live in the heart of Europe. The fate of Europe is closely linked to that of Germany. The Versailles treaty left Germany alive but denied her the possibility of living; the Germany of Weimar became the symbol of chaos and misery and Hitler was able to seize power.

2. Statement of the British Minister in Washington: the new organization which will be created in S. Francisco will put formidable forces at the service of peace.

3. Churchill believes that war in Europe will not last very long.

4. Antonini answers Togliatti: In Italy the Communist party seems to have plenty of money. Being the chief Communist leader in Italy, Togliatti should explain to the Italians how he gets the millions he is able to spend. It is obvious that they are not supplied by the starving and unemployed Italians. It is not likely that these funds come from well-off people like the monarchists or the manufacturers [illegible]

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1. Bevan agrees with the Big Three that in future, Germany must be prevented from rearming. He believes that this can only be done by creating an Allied Control Commission which would have the supervision of German industry, by limiting the imports of raw materials for war industry and by preventing Germany from buying war material abroad. Bevan disagrees with those who believe that German industry must be destroyed; 'without industry Germany cannot arm a modern army but she cannot live either'. German industry is necessary to Europe. The attempt to destroy German industry hides the wish to get rid of German industrial competition. The Allied milieux should remember that Germany is not only the country which is responsible for two world wars? It is also the land of 80 million Europeans who live in the heart of Europe. The fate of Europe is closely linked to that of Germany. The Versailles treaty left Germany alive but denied her the possibility of living; the Germany of Weimar became the symbol of chaos and misery and Hitler was able to seize power.

2. Statement of the British Minister in Washington: the new organization which will be created in S. Francisco will put formidable forces at the service of peace.

3. Churchill believes that war in Europe will not last very long.

4. Antonini answers Togliatti: In Italy the Communist party seems to have plenty of money. Being the chief Communist leader in Italy, Togliatti should explain to the Italians how he gets the millions he is able to spend. It is obvious that they are not supplied by the starving and unemployed Italians. It is not likely that these funds come from well-off people like the monarchists or the manufacturers. All over the world, the Communists are the instruments of Russian interests. Togliatti placed his confidence in Tito on the Communist plan for "destroying the national integrity of Italy". The Italian nation has a right to the same confidence Togliatti gave Tito.

5. Today, Neapolitan newspapers have been printed.

6. 10 organizations which had to deal with the problem of alimentation have been abolished. It will be to the advantage of the State as well as of the customers.

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6. Nuremberg is now the Capital of Germany. (I.S.S.)

7. It is believed that on his return to England, Churchill will make a speech in Parliament about the Yalta Conference. (Reuter)

8. Has Schacht gone to Switzerland to negotiate peace? (I.N.S.)

9. The Advisory Commission for Europe is preparing its program for the control of German economy. It seems that the French, British and American proposals are practically identical. Nothing is known about the Russian proposals. (Ass.P)

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22. Bonomi received Tarchiani who is leaving today for Washington.

23. Families of more than seven will be entitled to 100 cubic metres of gas per month.

24. A Police raid led to the discovery of a machine gun, other arms and ammunitions and 50 kilos of fifty centime coins and a Jeep.

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2. Commenting on the Reuter communiqué about 'relief to the European nations liberated from Nazi domination' Ricostruzione

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says that Epoca's interpretation is too pessimistic, considering that responsible organs of the Allied Nations have declared that they wanted to give back her independence to Italy.

3. A.M.A. ought to bring the largest possible amount of foodstuffs to Rome, to prevent the population from starving; it should then start to fight black market. Till now 200 qls. of foodstuffs have been sequestered; this means a ration of 10 grams per head. This won't solve the problem of alimentation.

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4. The Socialist Party, following the aggression carried out against the Avanti (see above No 1) has voted an order of the day inviting the direction of the party and the direction of the Avanti

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to inform the public opinion and all the workers of the menaces which might be hidden in such a fact and asking that the necessary measures be taken to put an immediate end to this anti-democratic behaviour.

5. The meeting of Sunday in Piazza del Popolo was a demonstration of the democratic feelings which are present in the majority of the Romans, writes Zat.

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3. Plan for unification of partisan elements is criticised by Italian Americans as a Communist manoeuvre.

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4. The police are to be applauded for their attacks on the black market but let us face facts and admit, says I.N. that without the black market life would be impossible on the present scale of legally distributed rations. Therefore a necessary corollary to the attack on the black market is an increase in rations distributed.... As a matter of fact what has happened as a result of raids on black market centers is simply this: the vendors are now making house to house calls - and charging higher prices.

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4. The personnel of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro asks for epuration among its directive members.

5. The Doctors Syndical Association joins the C.G.I.L.; this fact, comments the newspaper, has a great importance for it shows the new democratic conscience which is awakening also among intellectual classes.

6. The "sciuscia" are organising themselves in corporations, and this renders them even more dangerous in their black market and promiscuous dealings. It is very difficult for the Police to identify them, for they always change their whereabouts. The worse

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consequence of their activities is that 50 % of them are now infected by venereal diseases.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Last week's activity of the C.G.I.L. might be called the battle for freedom from need, writes Achille Grandi. Results have been most satisfactory. Follows detailed survey of the various measures which will be enforced. Mr. Braine, Head of the Labor Sub-Commission attended a Council of Ministers' meeting where he stated that Italians working for the Allies will enjoy the same financial benefits.

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6. Insurance companies are in a very bad plight owing to war consequences. Their activity is hindered both at home and abroad.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article on gold and stocks black market.

2. Interview of Eric Johnson with Stalin.

3. How shall Italians live if black market disappears entirely? asks Homo. Fight against black market would be logical if a new rationing was decided at the same time, giving everyone enough bread, oil, etc to live. Who really wants to pay sugar 1100 a kg. if they can help it ? Trade should be left quite free. Nobody would go to Cor di Nona if they could find foodstuffs in the shops where they usually shopped. The Govt. may prefer the system of the 'ammassi'; in any case it has got to take action. Otherwise, black-marketers will only increase their prices to make up for their trouble and for the greater danger of their trade.

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8. The Luogotenente has visited the zone of operations.

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9. The Nuncio in Berlin has gone to Bavaria. (ANSA)

10. A meeting of Agriculturists has discussed the question of salaries. The Italian livestock is being rehabilitated.

11. The Ufficio Stampa has declared, for lack of paper, to suppress the following newspapers: Il Globo, Il Secolo X., La Tribuna del Popolo, L'Epoca, Libera Stampa and Il Momento. The weeklies Il Rifiettore and L'Uomo Qualunque have also been suppressed.

12. Brigadier P.M. Brown, General Commander of the A.M.C, answering the request made to him by many Romans not to requisition the Palazzo Ruspoli, so as to leave the bath establishment and the Cinema at the disposal of the civilian population, declared that the needs of the American Red Cross come first; as for the personnel of the two establishments, it will be taken over by the A.R.C. for a while; anyhow, he added, the Allied Authorities in Rome give work already to great number of Italian civilians.

13. Tobacco and cigarette paper for two weeks to Roman smokers instead of cigarettes.

14. The version of the Italian armistice clauses given by Senator Styles Bridge has been denied by Admiral Stone and by the Italian Foreign Minister. The American Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Grew, has also denied it.

15. It seems that Rosenman and Eden will soon come to Italy to Study the financial situation of the country and the way in which the armistice clauses should be modified. It is believed that Italy will be granted credits to buy the machinery which she requires for her reconstruction, this because of the contribution made by the Italian Liberation Corps and the Partisans to the war effort. It is also believed that the Bonomi Govt. would get greater powers.

16. Are the Germans leaving North Italy ?

17. Pravda accuses France of having supported Hitler.

18. The Govt. will control the purchase and sale of cars.

19. The Central Commission for epuration will start its work at the beginning of March.

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the Cinema at the disposal of the civilian population, declared that the needs of the American Red Cross come first; as for the personnel of the two establishments, it will be taken over by the A.R.C. for a while; anyhow, he added, the Allied Authorities in Rome give work already to great number of Italian civilians.

13. Tobacco and cigarette paper for two weeks to Roman smokers instead of cigarettes.

14. The version of the Italian armistice clauses given by Senator Styles Bridge has been denied by Admiral Stone and by the Italian Foreign Minister. The American Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Grew, has also denied it.

15. It seems that Rosenman and Eden will soon come to Italy to study the financial situation of the country and the way in which the armistice clauses should be modified. It is believed that Italy will be granted credits to buy the machinery which she requires for her reconstruction, this because of the contribution made by the Italian Liberation Corps and the Partisans to the war effort. It is also believed that the Bonomi Govt. would get greater powers.

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4. Allied soldiers are dressed in lovely warm clothes, they are well fed, their pockets are full of money; and everybody knows it; all the same some shops have notices in the windows: "10 - 20 % reduction to Allied troops". We find this, notes L'Epoca, a polite and kind mark of hospitality; notwithstanding our great misery there still is in us a remnant of "signorilità". 28

INDIPENDENTE

1. Why was permission given to new newspapers only a short

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while ago, if they were to stop their publication after a few weeks or even a few days? If it is because of shortage of paper, why was the permission granted before the paper had arrived ?

2. There is a great deal of talk about agrarian reform; what does this expression mean? Are the rights of the huge mass of small and medium land owners who have no common interests with large industrial coalitions nor with the idle latifundia, going to be respected ? These masses represent a great part of democracy, says Ricardio Lomigliano, and we must not forget that the first reactionary movements - which were the beginning of Fascism -, were born among the small land owners.

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3. Ricostruzione agrees with the Committee of the Magistrates Association that magistracy is entirely different from the other categories of employees of the State; magistrates participate in the sovereignty of the State and cannot therefore go on strike; the Magistrates Association has a 'non-political and non-syndical' character.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Leader suggesting the time is ripe for offensive on Italian part.

2. True, it has been decided that the armistice terms are as described in Swiss publication. But is it not time we know what they are ?

3. De Gaulle's discourtesy towards Roosevelt is only the most recent example of his arrogance. The Italian Govt., on the other hand, has a long record of patient submission to snubs. Perhaps both should seek the golden mean, says V.R.

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2. Bonomi, faithful to his method of pleasing those who can shout loudest, has granted permission to all newspapers to reappear again; and so we can go on having orgies of printed paper.

3. Canevari, continuing to comment on events in Sicily, says that the Ragusa incidents began because the students had asked to have electric energy so as to be able to study more; the call to arms increased the discontent.

4. The Socialist Party, following Monday's invasion of the Avanti, issues another communiqué asking the Govt. to eliminate

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speedily all reactionary groups. It then criticises and calls "fasullo" (false, ridiculous) the press communiqué issued by the Ministero della Marina. The A. then publishes a number of messages of sympathy and solidarity received from various parties and federations. An important communication will be made this afternoon.

5. The new Questore of Rome could not have begun his career better than he did; the Coccodrillo has been closed, but there are other similar places in Rome; we hope Anselmo Sessa will show us that he is worthy of our first praise.

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1. Another article on the general Staff by Gen. Azzi, concurring, in the main, with recent action of Govt.

2. Comment on Pesenti's statement to ANSA: I.L. feels too that the situation is not yet hopeless. But it is critical and the Govt. must not temporize and delay as it has been doing, in I.L.'s view.

3. Vigorous protest against the attack on AVANTI. This is - or could be unless decisive action is taken by Govt - 1919 all over again.

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4. Article urging that Fano cease to hold jobs - Undersecretary and "Direttore Generale" in Telecommunications. He is charged with dictatorship and favoritism.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Vigorous article against govts. action in suppressing papers. As for the dailies I.N. says their licenses are as good as any other and it would have been fairer to reduce the supply given each paper; I.N. would have been glad to make the sacrifice... The three weeklies suppressed are the victims of very arbitrary action; the Press Commission is not competent to act in such matters. Suggests that the suppression of one weekly may have been motivated by the govt's "servile willingness" to please BORBA, the Yugoslav paper which has insisted on the Italian surrender of Trieste... At end of article note is taken of the action of Bonomi late last night. This however does not modify our stand, says I.N.; we still feel the commission ought to go and we still feel that we need real freedom of the press, which we do not yet have.

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4. Good results of the fight against black market will depend very much, said the Prefect of Rome, on the quantity of food that the High Commissioner Bergami, and institutions under him, will be able to import into Rome. River transport is going to be increased, and this will help. Besides, the Prefect of Sulmona has removed the embargo on beans.

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MOMENTO

1. After one day's suspension we resume publication, writes Il Momento. The Govt. and particularly its President must be thanked for this quick abatement of an absurd measure. A Govt. which has to tackle so many difficult problems can make a mistake, but it does not matter as long as it has the courage to admit and rectify its errors. We suspect, goes on Il Momento, that under the pretext of shortage of paper someone was trying to impair the principle of freedom of press. Luckily this unpleasant incident ends with the triumph of justice and freedom.

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5. Transportation crisis: no spare pieces, no tyres. Private initiative only has proved capable of doing public utility services. Will the Govt. support them ?

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The Allies ought to help Italy to get back to work. At

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present, production has come to a standstill and people find they earn more money by trading than by working. What is the use of banknotes when there are no goods? Plants and factories should be rehabilitated, and when this is not possible, people should go back to the 'artigianato'.

2. Tempo publishes an article of the 'Times' on the Italian food organization. 'Times' says that the situation is gradually improving. Deputy Macdonald said that the bread ration had not been increased because some high ranking British functionaries of the Allied Commission had opposed Roosevelt's motion, but Bonomi has denied this statement.

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6. It seems that the news about the resumption of Italo French relations has not been confirmed. (Ass. P)

7. France means to participate in the San Francisco Conference, nevertheless, she will communicate her agreement only when the decisions made by the Big Three have been thoroughly studied, especially those concerning the occupation of Germany and the new map of Europe.

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8. Churchill and Roosevelt discussed the Japanese question in Alexandria. Churchill said that his Govt. would throw all its resources against Japan as soon as war with Germany is over, and meanwhile, he would do everything to increase the forces already employed in the conflict.

9. In Algiers, Roosevelt met the American Ambassadors to France, England and Italy.

10. The police has raided Tor di Nona.

11. The new Questore of Rome asks for the streets to be lighted and for means of transport to be given the police. This would be a severe blow against bandits.

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19. Churchill and Eden are back in England.

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20. The diplomatic circles of London say that during their stay in Cairo, Churchill and Eden discussed the pan-Arab movement beginning with the Syria-Liban problem. It seems that Italy is trying to be represented at San Francisco as Allied nation. It is believed that the Anglo-Americans do not yet want to give her the status of an ally. (I.N.S.)

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Another article of Silvio Bacchi on indemnities for war damage. Those who have lost such property as is indispensable for every day life and the owners of real estate which might be rehabilitated without very important repairs should be helped

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without delay. The writer suggests the indemnity or at least part of it to be given in kind; for life being so expensive, money would probably be entirely spent on foodstuffs.

2. Commenting on the Roatta trial, Carlo Guidotti suggests that Gen. Roatta is not the important man in the case. The central figure seems to be Col. Emanuele.

3. The drivers of the camionette acknowledge neither discipline nor control; they have agreed among themselves that they will maintain high prices.

4. There will never be enough 'spacci' to supply the whole Roman population with foodstuffs. Then why not entrust district markets with this task ? All non rationed products are sold at normal prices. C.N.A.C. ought to grant more passes and allow the importation of foodstuffs from the surrounding zone into Rome, as long as they are not rationed.

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2. Domenico Grisolia warns De Gasperi to beware of the fifth column of Palazzo Chigi; it seems that a campaign of "insults" against Parri and is being carried on in Washington previous to his arrival; Ortona who, just at the eve of being epurated managed to join the Italian financial delegation to the U.S. - in spite of contrary advice from various newspapers - is responsible for this campaign. And who, goes on Grisolia, can the "financial attaché" be ? Never before did such a title exist. Beware, De Gasperi; many people are trying to suggest to you many "faux pas".

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3. According to U.P. an agreement between France and Italy about Tunisia, will be signed in a couple of weeks.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. If the great news of the increase in bread ration can be

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followed by other announcements of similar nature then the raids on the black market will have our unqualified approval, says I.L. But as things now stand we must say we are skeptical about their utility.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. I.N. gives figures on living costs and shows how even minimum expenditures are more than pay of average state employees. (Thesis is that Parenti is not aware of the true situation; the article is however chiefly useful for the figures. (T.C.B.)

2. Parchiani is off to America, writes Babouf, with a larger staff (meaning more expense to the country) than the Fascists ever needed in Washington. "5 secretaries 6", he says; just like the music hall reviews... Needless to say all his personal advisors and "experts" are members of the Partito d'Azione. The Partito d'Azione will be well represented in Washington but who is going to represent Italy ?... Another interesting detail, says Babouf : the Action Party is the party that chose the Day of the Partisan to talk of civil war. IL POPOLO, organ of the C.D. Party chided them for this. And lo, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, head of the C.D. party, nonetheless sends a representative of this faction to Washington !

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2. The newly appointed Questore has made some statements on Juvenile delinquency. It is evident, comments Il Momento, that he is at a loss and we agree that the problem is difficult to solve. However we insist on saying that some sort of measures should be taken for this element represents a great danger for the future.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The recent press crisis has created a chaotic situation among the Rome Press, writes Guido Gonella. There are a few points which should be made clear; the first one is that the so called informative newspaper do not exist. He then explains why at the present stage there cannot be a distinction between political and information dailies. He concludes by saying that once this artificial distinction is abolished and the liberty of expressing one's opinion through the press be recognised, we can see what are the limits of such a liberty by analyzing the delicate functioning of licences and suspensions of publication.

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3. A meeting of the Prefects of the Southern Provinces presided by Minister Gronchi has announced that Italy will manufacture 70.000 tyres a year. (INC)

4. American military material will be sold in Europe at the end of the war. (I.N.S.)

5. The economic situation of Sardinia is getting worse everyday.

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Local authorities ask the Govt. and the Allied Authorities for transport; they want at least 50 % of the motorsailing ships which have been requisitioned to be given back to them. There is no building material.

6. Secolo XX publishes an article of Donald Tyerman on the dangers of inflation and deflation and on England's post-war economic policy.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Another article of Tempo on gold and stocks black market. The Govt's policy of financial rehabilitation should be supported by the population. However, it must be said that the Govt. besides forbidding to publish black market quotes, took practically no action, though its tasks is to guide public opinion. Tempo blames the Allies for not intervening.

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3. Will Ethiopia be granted an outlet on the Red Sea? (I.N.S.)

4. The Allied Commission and the Italian Govt. have communicated that the bread ration for liberated Italy will be of 300 gr. from March 1st, or 200 grs of bread daily and 550 grs of 'pasta' weekly.

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5. The Yalta decision have caused great dissatisfaction among the Polish troops.

6. It seems that the signing of the Italo-French agreement about Tunisia will probably take place in about a fortnight. The Italians living in Tunisia will lose their extra-territorial privileges and will have to submit to the same regulations as the foreigners.

7. The Council of Ministers has approved the draft of a decree granting economic improvements to the employees who have been suspended and are waiting for a judgement of epuration. It has approved: the formation of a Commission which will study and proposes a reduction of the expenses of the State; regulations concerning plans of reconstruction of damaged buildings; the reorganisation of the 'Provveditorati'; a decree concerning the revision of the careers of the personnel of the State Railways.

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10. General Browning accompanied by the Under-secretary of War Palermo has visited a training camp.

11. Ambassador Tarchiani left for the States.

12. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forests has examined the problem of mined fields. Large areas have already been combed.

13. 'The Atlantic Charter is a guide, not a law' declared Churchill. The Prime Minister is going to ask the House of Commons for a vote of confidence.

14. A new attempt was made against Hitler's and Himmler's life. Reprisals in Nurnberg.

15. The German Minister of Foreign Affairs von Ribbentrop has been replaced by Himmler. (I.N.S.)

16. It is rumoured that German industrialists have gone to Stockholm to see whether it would be possible to negotiate peace in the name of German great industry. (I.N.S.)

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10. General Browning accompanied by the Under-secretary of War Palermo has visited a training camp.

11. Ambassador Marchiandi left for the States.

12. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forests has examined the problem of mined fields. Large area have already been combed.

13. 'The Atlantic Charter is a guide, not a law' declared Churchill. The Prime Minister is going to ask the House of Commons for a vote of confidence.

14. A new attempt was made against Hitler's and Himmler's life. Reprisals in Nurnberg.

15. The German Minister of Foreign Affairs von Ribbentrop has been replaced by Himmler. (I.N.S.)

16. It is rumoured that German industrialists have gone to Stockholm to see whether it would be possible to negotiate peace in the name of German great industry. (I.N.S.)

17. France has asked and obtained from U.S.A. the assurance that no secret agreement has been made by the Big Three in what concerns liberated countries in Europe. The American Minister of Foreign Affairs has announced that France asked for some explanations about the Yalta Conference and that these explanations were given. (Ass. P)

18. Hitler's H.Q. in Berchtesgaden were bombed for the first time. (I.N.S.)

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19. It is thought that the S. Francisco Conference will last about a month. (I.N.S.)

20. It is believed that Egypt will shortly make important decisions. (Reuter)

21. The French Ambassador Lassigli had an interview with Eden. He expressed the wish of his Govt. that the Yalta decisions should be re-examined so as to allow the French forces to occupy Berlin and Austria together with the Russian, British and American forces. (I.N.S.)

22. Minister Forestall sent Roosevelt a report stating that after the war, U.S.A. will have to keep a very powerful fleet for the maintenance of the world peace. Forestall thus expresses the contribution of U.S.A. to the maintenance of the World's peace: a) participation in a League of Nations for the pacific and just settlement of the world's affairs; b) willingness to fight on the part of the American people, should this prove necessary for the order of the world; c) conservation of the necessary armaments. (I.N.S.)

23. German funds have been blocked in Argentine. (Reuter)

24. Next Monday, in the House of Common, there will be a debate about the Yalta Conference. (Reuter)

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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5. The "sciuscia" are opening accounts in the banks; the sums they deposit can be written with five or even six figures; this is the beginning of a new bourgeoisie which will probably finance elements of the F.C.D.N.I.A. The lower bourgeoisie, rendered stupid by need and want, may again think, as they did in 1922, that their

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enemy is the working class. If so, a new Marcia su Roma is being prepared, and sooner than we may expect.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Article sympathising with Avanti's complaint on the raid on the premises but urging Avanti not to exaggerate the matter. Apology has been made and the affair should be regarded as closed.

2. Statement of pro-sinnace Guido Ray explaining and justifying attacks on black market.

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British armies to win many victories; we must follow these examples and break away from the class mentality which still exists in some of our military sections, and re-establish relations between the army and the country; in other words we must make our army a really democratic and popular organism.

2. Is it possible that the task of the Sottosegretariato Stampa consists only in doing and undoing, without program, and covering itself and the Commissione Stampa with ridicule ? Why does not somebody look into the mysterious doings of the Paper Mills of the Isle of Liri, which, since October, have been working; they say they make cigarette paper, but it is not true; the cigarette paper now in use comes from old stocks. Couldn't the production of these mills be controlled, and more paper allotted to the press ?

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2. The Casse di Risparmio will participate in the financing for reconstruction of the Country.

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3. The FEDERTERRA assures the peasants that they will remain on the lands they are cultivating at present until one year after the end of the war.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The increased bread ration is a good thing, writes Dino Gentili, but the real solution of the food problem lies in better distribution. Along this line there are certain obvious things to be done; creation of a great central distributing storehouse, encouragement of the cooperatives and the "mense aziendali", payment of salary increases (at least partly) in goods. Nor should the government fear the charge of "more bureaucracy". Anyone can see, says the writer, that free initiative cannot solve this problem; in Russia and in England the most rigid disciplines were brought in and yielded good results.

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3. Price of bread to be 16-17 lire a kilo, pasta 22-24 a kilo in Rome, estimates I.N.

4. P.P. on the Consorzi Agrari and the Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari. Finds them bureaucratized and diverted to political ends.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Italian workers have always been in favour of International Syndical unity which they have always considered as a means of

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maintaining peace; this explains their sympathy for the Soviet Syndicates; besides, in London, the Soviet delegates stood tenaciously in favour of Italian participation in the International Syndical conference. C.G.I.L. delegates will shortly visit U.S.S.R.; these closer and improved relations will form a barrier against imperialistic and hostile forces. Follow praises of the Red Army.

2. Discipline in consumption is what the C.G.I.L. wants to get at, besides increase in salaries; something has been obtained in this field already, cooperatives which aim at putting the public in direct contact with the producers. (Domenico Paronicco)

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2. It is alright for the Allied soldiers to have their own cinemas and clubs, writes Carlo Arnbuco. But why don't our own soldiers have the same kind of facilities ?

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Benedetto Croce writes a long philosophical article on Freedom and Strength.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Reorganization of the R. Forest Corps; rehabilitation of the timber industry. (F.L.)

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2. It seems that the Council for Alimentation has decided to forbid the sale of all cakes and sweets. Tempo disagrees saying that this would mean starvation for lots of workers, and that the population needs the foodstuffs which are made with non-rationed products.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Article in praise of the Red Army.

2. Commenting on the suspension of six Roman daily papers, Unità says that this was only the consequence of other regulations; such as control on paper production and distribution, abolition of black market for paper, necessity of allotting a certain amount of paper to 'useful' newspapers. Unità is shocked that newspapers have to be printed on paper which comes from the black market.

3. Unità wonders whether anybody ever got lodgings through the intervention of the 'Commissariato Alloggi'.

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9. The Italian economic Mission will return from America next week. states U.S.A. Great quantities of material are to be sent over to Italy very shortly; most of it is destined to the Allied Army, as Northern Italy is to become the principal area for the campaign against Germany. So, while for the rest of Italy supplies

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10. Bonomi will not go to Sicily after all.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Relations between Italy and England had been friendly until ten years ago, then they suddenly became stormy, but not through the fault of the Italian people who never had anything to say in the matter of foreign policy. It is a shame that British Conservatives refuse to realize this; they insist on considering Italian monarchy as the only guarantee to their Mediterranean aims; they prefer tame servants to a free people which offers a truer and safer guarantee of honest work. It does not matter; time will speak in our favour, says Urbanus.

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2. The Prato wool Mills ask for electric energy to be able to work.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.R.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Long review of the Rye conference, and the importance it may have for Italy's future and rebirth.

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2. The news that the Mattioli mission is not returning from America empty-handed, has awakened many hopes again; what has been promised will give a first impulse to economic rebirth and will improve the food situation; these supplies will be paid by Italy in three different ways; by opening of credits, by the Lire spent by the Allied troops and by export of national products.

3. Richard Law, State Minister, made a statement on the economic situation of liberated countries; the first duty of the liberating armies is to continue war so the Allied Commands give only the most urgent help to civilians; real rehabilitation of these countries will come in a second period when the local Govts. will have to undertake greater responsibilities.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. There is no epidemic in Rome, but the number of deaths is greater than the number of births; Bruno Romani gives figures and dates.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Article of Giuseppe Caniglia on movable salary scale.

2. Important industrial enterprises have formed a Consorzio which will cooperate with the State for the purchase and distribution of machinery, equipment, vehicles, etc., which are to be used for building purposes.

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4. Il Messaggero attacks the emigrated Poles who asserts that the nation is for the Warsaw Govt. (Ross)

5. Inflation on a great scale all over the Reich's territory. (I.N.S.)

6. The Council of Ministers has approved various regulations against black market: discipline of the restaurants, prohibition of having large amounts of foodstuffs for those who have not got a wrapping license; the Council has also approved a decree which extends to agrarian incomes the extraordinary tax on 'benefits relative to the state of war'.

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new war; c) help to guarantee an autonomous Govt. and sovereign rights to the liberated countries of Europe. U.S.A. will assume its responsibility on this matter; d) creation before the end of the war of an international organization which will assure peace to the world and enforce it if necessary; e) development of the principles of the Atlantic Charter for peace, giving to all men the possibility of living free from need and fear. Stettinius added that this last point is considered to be essential if the United Nations mean to organize a lasting peace. (Ass. Press)

16. France has received a satisfactory answer from the three Allied Govts. about the decisions which have been taken in Yalta. The official military believe that France will participate on a standing of complete equality in the conferences about the questions which are still to be solved. The Advisory Council for Europe will decide about the zones of Germany to be occupied by France taking in consideration the proposals made by the French Govt. It seems that the French High Command will be represented in the Armistice Commission and will participate in the armistice negotiations with Germany, should there be any such negotiations. France will also be represented in each of the 12 control sub-commissions which will be created in Germany. (Reuter)

17. The debate which will take place in the House of Commons about the Yalta conference will last several days. (Reuter)

18. Communications with Calabria and Sicily have been reorganized. (A.N.S.A.)

19. It has been unofficially communicated from England that all British forces are now ready to be transferred to the Pacific front.

20. Who will get the stuff that is being confiscated in the black market, ask various papers ?

21. The Archbishop of New York left for Europe. (I.P.S.)

22. Statement of the British Catholic Bishops: a revengeful peace would harm the victorious powers from the economic as well as from the moral point of view.

23. According the Washington "Evening News", Roosevelt will officially visit London next Spring.

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PATRIA (Army)

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QUOTIDIANO (Catholic Independent)

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. If Italy has to become democratic it is not through political quarrels and ideological absolutism that she will do so, writes G. della Torre.

2. The 'Provvida' tries to supply railway workers and their families with fish, but speculators do all they can so that the 'Provvida' will get few quintals of fish only.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Financial article on the budget; to be able to face its engagements without issuing more currency, the State must increase its incomes, by taxes or otherwise, and reduce, or at least not increase its expenses, says Monitor.

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1. Nenni, returning from his trip in Southern Italy, speaks with enthusiasm of the Socialist and Democratic feeling of all Southerners; the "south wind" blows in the same direction as the "north wind"; Pugliesi and Calabresi realize that Socialism is the political form of tomorrow, and that Socialism does not intend to lower the level of the intellectual workers, but on the contrary to improve the level of manual workers. Electricity, which in Calabria had been almost exclusively distributed to war works, must be given to all villages and agricultural activities, and the people will then be happy.

P.S. The Prefect of Catanzaro, the only prefect of Southern Italy about whom everybody was pleased, has been removed; why ? perhaps only because, not really belonging to any party, he worked in union with the C.L.N. There are continuous complaints about all the other prefects, but they remain at their posts; we wait to hear what Bonomi and Nolè have to say about this strange behaviour of the authorities. (F.N.)

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2. It seems that in the last Council of Ministrers, De Courten told his colleagues that the naval officers responsible for the raid on the Avanti, had been punished by imprisonment; we know for certain, instead, that they are all at their posts, and that they are not disturbed.

3. Great success of the Socialist meetings at Cosenza and Catanzaro; Nenni's appeal to the unity of the whole people has been received with great applause.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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2. According to "SI" Naples will have a Commissario per l'Alimentazione.

3. Article with figures and the names of the liberated provinces on amount of wheat which will be sown this year.

4. On those farmers who will have to pay taxes on war profits.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Anction)

1. Confusion. The Govt. would have been wiser to wait for the increase in the bread ration before making all its decisions on abolition of political price, indemnities, etc. For the increased ration is an important fact in the situation. But the confused muddling of the Govt. in this matter, says I.L., is only another example of its general incompetence and lack of organization.

2. Centro Rionale Latino-Metronio, of the C.L.N., sends message to Sindaco "applauding" attacks on black market, but "awaiting news of measures taken to alleviate food situation, which has grown harder as result of raids"... I.L. has sympathetic comment, repeating its opinion that repression of black market without adequate measures for increasing available supplies does more harm than good.

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MOMENTO

1. The Bonomi Govt. has not at present a very good press; after twenty years of Fascism and after all the destruction caused by war, we wanted a Govt. which would give us a feeling that something was being done for our rebirth, writes Tommaso Smith. There is talk, too much talk, of epuration; of reconstruction, but only talk. This uneasiness moves all the social strata and the people ask themselves where it will all end.

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2. Aldo Aldini writes on how the black market gets all the supplies; the slums of Tor-di-Nona hide strange "signori" in shiny private automobiles who direct this merry-go-round of food and millions.

3. The result of the Police raids on the black market is that instead of buying food from the "bancarelle" you now have to go inside the houses and pay more.

4. Armed with guns and hand-grenades thieves assault a grotto and steal 70 sheep.

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UNITA' (Communist)

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2. Attack against Bonomi and against 'Tempo' for defending Mihailovic.

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3. Attack against Italia Nuova. Its collaborators are 'neo-patriots', or belong to the F.C.D.L.I.A.

GENERAL

1. Bonomi and De Gasperi have received Mr. Macmillan and Admiral Stone who communicated to both Ministers a memorandum containing the new regulations made by the Allies in favour of the Italian Govt., in fulfillment of the declaration made in Hyde Park on September 26th last by Roosevelt and Churchill.

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6. The 'Economist' is worried about Italian currency; it approves the energetic financial action of the Bonomi Govt. (I.N.S.)

7. During Bidault's stay in London, the question of the rate of exchange of the Franc in relation with the £ will be dealt with. The present quota of 200 is considered an obstacle to resumption of commercial relations between the two countries. (I.N.S.)

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8. Grew has received Tarchiani.

9. Governor Dewey has started a campaign to collect medicines for Italy.

10. Egypt has declared war on Germany. First Minister Maher was murdered when leaving Parliament House.

11. Various comments on Turkey's declaration of war: it would have had a far greater political and military importance 2 or 3 years ago. It must be remembered that Turkey has declared war 19 months after Italy did so.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Survey of British Tory policy of "protection" over the last 100 years. Italian democracy is willing to understand the legitimate interests of England in the Mediterranean but would like to be assured that their own love of liberty and democracy is respected by British conservatives, writes "Urbanus".

1. Certain monarchist papers, says g.c. are trying to create a general air of confusion by distracting their readers from the real issues of the day by means of piquant tales of Mussolini's love affairs etc. Once the confusion has been created the next step will be easy.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. ANOTHER FRIENDLY GESTURE OF THE ALLIES GREATER AUTONOMY CONCEDED GOVT. follows account of memorandum etc.

2. Though we cannot ignore the very useful help and collaboration given to the Italian Govt. by the A.C., says Arrigo

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Jacchia, we see with joy the increase of power and autonomy given to the Govt. This represents a great step forward and we owe it to Bonomi and his Govt. who have been able to check all extremist agitation and outcry, and to the Allies who have clearly realized the Italian situation. The way to redemption is long and hard and we must follow it without impatience, with a spirit of national solidarity which will prove that we have paid already for our faults.

3. Ruini and Prince Doria presided over a meeting to study the urgent works which the Commune must effectuate in Rome during this period of emergency. Agreements have also been reached for the post war development of Rome.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. THE ALLIES ENTRUST TO THE ITALIANS RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECONSTRUCTION headlines account of memorandum and press conference.

2. "Open Door" is the title of Il G.'s leading article. London and Washington recognise that Italy is no longer an enemy but almost an ally; they have realised that to help Italians to help themselves is for everybody a moral and material advantage. This step forward represents a personal success of Bonomi's who, with his patience, his sense of reality and his modesty has won a hard battle against lack of interest and lack of faith. We also owe much to Admiral Stone and to his functionaries who had been sent with strict and rigid orders; they studied the situation, they encouraged and guided our technicians. Now we must walk by ourselves; if we fail it will be our own fault; we must show the whole world that ours is a serious country which knows its duties, its limitations, which knows how to discipline itself.

3. Figures on work done so far to repair war damages, with the help of the Allies.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Comment by Filippo Caracciolo on the new deal for Italy. All Italians will be grateful for this step forward and will feel especially content with the tone of Macmillan's remarks, in which, among other things, he recognises that the Italian people never wished to make war on the Allies. However, says Caracciolo, the memorandum does not really go as far as the government had led us to think. We are still co-belligerents, and the question of prisoners outside Italy is just where it was. We would like the Allies to know we understand their difficulties and appreciate their good intentions. But since they are great nations we expect from them a policy of great and generous gestures and not petty

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2. "Open Door" is the title of Il G.'s leading article. London and Washington recognise that Italy is no longer an enemy but almost an ally; they have realized that to help Italians to help themselves is for everybody a moral and material advantage. This step forward represents a personal success of Bonomi's who, with his patience, his sense of reality and his modesty has won a hard battle against lack of interest and lack of faith. We also owe much to Admiral St[illegible] and to his functionaries who had been sent with strict and rigid orders; they studied the situation, they encouraged and guided our technicians. Now we must walk by ourselves; if we fail it will be our own fault; we must show the whole world that ours is a serious country which knows its duties, its limitations, which knows how to discipline itself.

3. Figures on work done so far to repair war damages, with the help of the Allies.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Comment by Filippo Caracciolo on the new deal for Italy. All Italians will be grateful for this step forward and will feel especially content with the tone of Macmillan's remarks, in which, among other things, he recognises that the Italian people never wished to make war on the Allies. However, says Caracciolo, the memorandum does not really go as far as the government had led us to think. We are still co-belligerents, and the question of prisoners outside Italy is just where it was. We would like the Allies to know we understand their difficulties and appreciate their good intentions. But since they are great nations we expect from them a policy of great and generous gestures and not petty concessions. Headline of news account: A SLOW EVOLUTION.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. ITALY AND THE ALLIES. EASING OF ARMISTICE CONTROL IN STATEMENT OF THE HEAD OF A.C. Contents of memorandum and Macmillan's remarks summarized. No comment. Dispatch from Washington reporting satisfaction in American circles, Tarchiani's task will be easier. American political circles see possibility of shuffling in Bonomi government, some think it possible Sforza may take over. Reprint

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of Yorkshire Post article, applauding relative speed of Allied action... It is considered possible that Italy may be represented at San Francisco conference.

2. Article by Lucci on the danger of state monopolizing commercial relations. The new liberty accorded by the Allies must not be rendered futile by too much state intervention in control of foreign trade.

3. As for alleged attempts in France to punish "Italian collaborationists", I.M. hopes they will be punished by proper legal machinery and not by "irresponsible elements" of the population.

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3. Posti di blocco have been surreptitiously restored and oil ration for February will be reduced. A result of black market raids ? asks Il M.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. HYDE PARK DECLARATION IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION. ALLIED CONTROL REPLACED BY FRIENDLY AND SINCERE COOPERATION. Follows account (via ANSA). Comment is brief; the statement is of "great

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significance" and the Italians are pleased but still aspire to Allied status.

2. For an "Allied" Italy. Comment by Gingolani on the Giornata del Partigiano. Enthusiasm shown was very satisfying. But the wish of the Italian people to become "Allies" is very strong and universal and it is hoped it will be fulfilled.

3. Don Sturzo is quoted as saying territorial differences between Italy and Yugoslavia should be discussed when both countries have regularly elected governments.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. ONE MORE STEP TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. The new Italian situation with respect to the Allies.

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4. Why don't pigs arrive in Rome ? They are butchered in secret and sold on the black market or they cannot be exported from the provinces.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Allies decide to diminish control and to exercise it, only when military requirements make it necessary.

2. Unità expresses only a moderate satisfaction for the memorandum handed by Mr. Macmillan, and says it is most disappointing that there should be no answer to the Govt's and the C.L.N.'s request for a greater participation of Italy in the war.

3. Attack against Armonica and against Jacchia and his witnesses.

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Economic Relief: The Memorandum deals with the import program prepared by the Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction in agreement with the Economic Section of the Allied Commission, stressing the fact that the British and American Govt. assume the responsibility of supplying all the goods which are necessary for the maintenance of public health (foodstuffs, fuel, clothing, medicines) as well as those which, helping the rehabilitation of Italian productive activity, prove to be of direct advantage for the war effort, (raw materials, machinery, fertilizer, material required for the rehabilitation of communications). As for the

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other wares which were requested by the Inter-ministerial Committee, their import will depend on the transport possibilities. The Allied Govt. wish to rehabilitate Italian industry as much as possible, according to an order of priority which will be decided by common agreement; they only make a few reservations about armament industry.

2. Statement of Mr. Macmillan to the Press: after praising the contribution made by the Italian nation to the war of liberation, he stresses the fact that because of this new situation, in its foreign relations, the Italian Govt. will again assume the normal relations which every sovereign Govt. has with the Govts. of all the countries with which it is at peace.

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11. The leaders of the American Trade Unions support Parchiani's request to clear up the position of 50.000 interned Italian citizens. They have also asked the Govt. to reconsider Italy's position as co-belligerent.

12. Sforza's speech about 'The prospects of the world after the Yalta Conference'. He does not share Italy's pessimism after the Conference. Chief achievements of the conference unity of action against Germany, decisions of an exclusively military character

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towards this nation; compensations for war damages to be directed by Moscow which will leave no room for Schacht; re-affirmation of the principles of the Atlantic Charter. He is skeptical about the plans for the destruction of German militarism. Only a democratic Europe can cure Germany.

13. The United States Govt. has not pledged itself to re-absorb occupation currency after the war. However, Morgenthau communicated to the Congress the requests of the foreign Govts. for the amount of their currency printed in U.S.A. and used by the American forces for the purchase of wares to be re-absorbed after the war. He announced to the Committee that the Italian Govt. has accepted the responsibility for the re-absorbtion of the invasion currency, in accordance with the armistice clauses. The same obligation has been assumed by the other Govts.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Zuccarini writes against the Bonomi government; not only he says is it a political failure but even in the field of normal administration it has shown incapacity. Rather general criticism but he does refer particularly to the governments alleged extravagance, claiming it takes on new expenses without trying to get rid of old ones, creates new agencies too freely etc.

MORNING PAPERS

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equipment which will increase our production; and we offer them our whole Navy; our sailors who are prisoners in U.S. or in England will work for them; our sailors here are ready to give their contribution to the "pool" of the United Nations. The Allies cannot refuse this offer of help, or we would have to believe that they do not really want to end the war speedily. Negotiations are going on.

2. The Govt. is collecting shoes, clothing and tools necessary for the farmers.

3. Parchiani has a difficult task to face in America; Italy's situation is still rather muddled, as half of our Country is still materially fighting against the Allies. And America will certainly take no steps which might endanger her friendship with England. (A.P.)

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2. The prefect of Catanzaro has been dismissed and in spite of the fact that all parties of the C.L.N. have protested the government has not revoked the dismissal and has given no explanation. There is much irregularity in treatment accorded prefects; here and there one finds the fascist appointee still in power and in other places dismissal has been arbitrary. I.L. thinks the government is at fault in not making public the reasons for its actions, in conducting the whole business in secrecy and furthermore in having apparently no consistent policy on prefects.

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1. Jacomoni claimed by Albania for trial. (I.N.S.)

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2. The prefect of Catanzaro has been dismissed and in spite of the fact that all parties of the C.L.N. have protested the government has not revoked the dismissal and has given no explanation. There is much irregularity in treatment accorded prefects; here and there one finds the Fascist appointee still in power and in other places dismissal has been arbitrary. I.L. thinks the government is at fault in not making public the reasons for its actions, in conducting the whole business in secrecy and furthermore in having apparently no consistent policy on prefects.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Documenti claimed by Albania for trial. (I.N.S.)

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. The "Devastated Regions' Committee" has gathered so far 40 millions worth of clothing and blankets.

MOMENTO

1. Mr. Churchill's speech has filled in the gap of the Yalta declarations as regards Italy, writes Il Momento. We have already pointed out the big step forward made at the Crimea meeting after the Teheran conference, and Churchill's words about our country have confirmed our faith in the results of the Yalta conference. The British Prime Minister has evidently detected the danger of a too close alliance of the three big powers, he has realized that the battle for peace will be won only by cancelling as soon as possible the barriers and the hates of this inhuman war. Italy, to whom the status of an ally is still unjustly denied and who has not been invited to the S. Francisco conference where other

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countries which have just declared war on Germany will be present, is looking hopefully to the great democratic nations' efforts for building up a more honest and better world.

2. School teachers are not paid regularly, some of them are not paid at all; it is rumoured that they will go on strike. Will something be done for them ?

3. Restaurants at fixed price and messes will start functioning at the beginning of March; meanwhile the fight against black market is going on steadily.

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2. How Roosevelt tried to persuade Mussolini not to declare war. (Italo Zingarelli)

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3. It seems that the I.R.I. intends to increase its rates by 400 %. This sounds really exaggerated. Is the limited number of phone calls really due to the lack of electric power ?

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Commenting on the Armenise and Roatta cases, Unità complains that epuration is not being carried out seriously in Italy.

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of Konigsberg, the industrial region of upper Silesia, and territories East of the Oder. - There remains the question of Polish freedom. Must Poland's sovereignty be without limitations or must she become a Soviet protectorate, obliged to adopt a communist and totalitarian system against the will of the Poles. Stalin and the Soviet Union have solemnly declared that the sovereignty and independence of Poland must be maintained; Great Britain and U.S.A. have agreed to this decision.

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11. Great optimism in Washington at the thought that the war will soon be over. (Ass. Press)

12. Gas projectiles have been handed over to the German troops. (I.N.S.)

13. Argentine changes her policy; she resumes diplomatic relations with U.S.S.R. and re-establishes cordial relations with U.S. - Democratic elections will soon take place. Vice-President Perron states that it is not likely that Argentine will declare war on Germany, for the Argentines would disapprove of a declaration of war made without sufficient reasons - The policy of the Argentine Govt. takes in consideration first the American continent, then the rest of the world. (I.N.S.)

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