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4. According to the Swiss newspaper "Feuille D'Avis" it seems that a great number of German personalities are flocking into Switzerland.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. According to Reuter, Portugal will remain neutral for this country feels certain of the Allies' victory, and would consider it a sacrifice to its national dignity to declare war on a already beaten Country. This sacrifice would not be worth the possible participation in the San Francisco Conference.

2. Churchill's speech given in full but no comment on it.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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1. Morgenthau and invasion money. P.C. hopes Morgenthau has been misquoted; otherwise he has made three mistakes in his statement. His first is in assuming that the present government, elected by itself, has had any right to take on, for the Italian people", the "voluntary" obligation of absorbing invasion currency.

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Obligations assumed in the American civil war by unauthorized governments were later repudiated by the U.S. and this would be a parallel case. Secondly what does Morgenthau mean by "the liberated countries in Europe"? Only Italy is receiving this kind of treatment. Thirdly how can Morgenthau talk of "invasion" at all for it is incorrect to speak of the invasion of a country which is fighting whole heartedly on the side of the "invader" even though it may be given only the mean title of co-belligerent. R.C. then goes on to point out the irony of Morgenthau's statement appearing in the press on the same day as the new deal for Italy. All the fine words and all the concessions of the Macmillan statement are meaningless if the Allies intend to ruin Italy's financial structure... Lastly he points out the advantages for the U.S. itself of pursuing a generous policy in this regard, for financial ruin in one nation means financial and economic hardship for the whole world.

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2. A clandestine number of "Unità" and "Avanti" was edited in occupied Italy on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the Russian revolution. The fact that the two headings, "U" and "A" were united in a single paper, says N., proves that the proletarian masses intend marching together towards the purification of the country and the revolutionary victory.

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3. We naturally think that the Italian problem is "THE" problem, but we must not forget, says Paolo Treves, that for the Allies it is only "one" of many problems. And really now we have no reason to complain, because we must realize that every increased autonomy given to the Italian Govt. - and consequently to the Italian people - is a new step forward on the route which began with the Atlantic Charter. But the system of alternating cold and hot showers leaves us dubious, and we cannot really say that they are the best means of curing a convalescent who is barely out of bed.

4. The Avanti points out that Leonida Repaci, since he became the director of the "Epoca" does not belong any longer to the Socialist Party.

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6. Italian foreign Commerce is compromised owing to high prices, Engl. Scotton, of the U.S. Commerce Sub-Commission stated to Il Globo. Follows details of what has been exported during the month of January.

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7. "American Relief for Italy" will send two million dollars worth of relief during the present year. (U.P.)

8. Highly technical article discussing the Italian economic condition following the armistice clauses and the statement made by Morgenthau. As some points do not appear to be quite clear, the Italian Govt. has asked Tarchiani for new explanations.

9. De Catalde, President of the Traders' Union, interpreting the desire of Roman Traders, declared that the fight against black market must be intensified.

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3. INS dispatch summing up editorial in IL PROGRESSO (n.Y.) which wants better treatment for Italy.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. By asking the Allies to derequisition those plants which are not useful to them and so to allow the Italian workers to contribute with their work and their production to common victory over Fascism and Nazism, the Italians have proved their patriotism and their desire to participate as much as they can in this war, writes Giovanni Borghesi.

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2. The "Italian American Labour Council" asks for the application of the Atlantic Charter and notes that the United Nations have not given the New Democratic Italy all the collaboration they might have.

MOMENTO

1. We can consider the law for confiscation of "gerarchi's" profits as approved by the Ministers' Council and we are glad of it, writes Il Momento. But, in our opinion, there are many more people who made money through Fascism without having any official position, and they should be punished too.

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any how the whole matter is still debatable and future changed conditions may weigh in our favour; Macmillan's friendly statements gives us hope.

2. Eden declared that he does not consider Brandi as a war criminal.

STOCLO VI (Swiss)

1. Article of Secundus on the creation of an International Bank for Reconstruction. After the war, international economic relations can be rehabilitated on a world basis only if every country can play its part in the exchange of goods and services. The Bretton Woods conference has planned the foundation of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development which will support and help foreign private investments; its task is purely technical and will remain independent from the orientation of the economic policy followed by the various States.

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2. Statement of Eden: Great Britain will acknowledge no new Polish Govt. which will not be truly representative. He believes that the new Poland will be stronger than pre-war Poland.

3. The work for the reconstruction of Cassino is soon to begin.

4. The Chief of the Press Office of the Presidency of the Council has made a statement about the relations between Italy and France: the answer of the French Govt. has already been brought to Rome, and an official communiqué will soon be issued. The Italian Govt. has agreed to the French request to consider the 1896 Convention as no

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longer valid. The status of the Italians living in Tunisia will be like that of all other foreigners.

5. General Redescu has resigned. (U.S.)

6. In Rome the price of bread will be Lire 12 a kg.

7. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has asked for particulars about Morgenthau's statement concerning the AM-lire.

8. From today on, foodstuff stocks will pass under the control of the High Commissioner for Alimentation.

9. 200 millions have been sent to Rome and the Rome province by the Italians living in the States.

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16. Casparotto exposed the work program which is being studied for about a million and a half veterans and repatriated prisoners; this program can be summarised into two main points; immediate help to the veterans which the State will provide until the moment they are employed; selection and forwarding to their families and to work, through the existing veterans' institutions. The Commissariato del Reduce does not mean to be a new bureaucratic machine, but a very simple organism, with very few employees, intended to help veterans and repatriated prisoners through the existing associations. It has already contacted several factories, for employment of these people. Public works will also be able to use a great number of them.

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16. Casparotto exposed the work program which is being studied for about a million and a half veterans and repatriated prisoners; this program can be summarized into two main points: immediate help to the veterans which the State will provide until the moment they are employed; selection and forwarding to their families and to work, through the existing veterans' institutions. The Commissariato del Reduce does not mean to be a new bureaucratic machine, but a very simple organism, with very few employees, intended to help veterans and repatriated prisoners through the existing associations. It has already contacted several factories, for employment of those people. Public Works will also be able to use a great number of them.

17. Roosevelt back in the States. He is going to make a speech about the Yalta Conference.

18. Violent polemics in England as in America about the meagre results obtained by U.N.R.R.A. It is thought that before granting new credits, the Congress will ask for an investigation.

19. Trouble in Berlin after the last air raids. (I.L.S.)

20. Trouble in Roumania: the Democratic front asked King Michael for the arrest of General Radescu and for the resignation of the Govt.

21. Is Kesserling trying to negotiate a pacific withdrawal of German troops from Italy ?

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1. Ricostruzione comments on the resumption of commercial relations between Italy and neutral countries, which means a first breach in the armistice clauses. Numerous problems remain to be solved, especially that of transport. The trade with neutral countries will certainly be controlled by the Allied Authorities.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.N.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Another historical article on the wickedness of British Tory Policy.

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2. Summary of errors of Bonomi government, in opinion of V.R.

3. A new and independent Rhineland State was planned at Yalta. (Reuters)

4. Criticism of Eden for his "defence" of Grandi. Apparently, says V.R., Eden and his fellow Tories don't care about punishing Fascists but only those who have fought England. Indeed history shows how well the conservatives got on with Fascists, how well Grandi was received in London etc.... Also bitter comment on Lambert Ward's suggestion that Lybia be turned over to an international refugee center.

5. V.R., acknowledging letters from CC RR is pleased to admit that many of them are anti-monarchist and want to be "Italians" and not tools of the Monarchy.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. It will be necessary for England, after the war, to maintain a controlled economy and to try to increase export. So, in less than twenty years, old liberal England has changed over to planned economy; this proves that Great Britain can change her policy conforming to

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the changeable reality, and does not allow herself to be entangled in the old dangerous game of ideology. Owing to all the sacrifices imposed on her by war, G.B. is changing from creditor to a debtor nation. The Globo explains the technical reasons of this change.

2. What hopes has Italy of taking Japan's place in the world silk market ? Unhappily the greater part of Italian silk production comes from Northern Italy; but still something could be done in the liberated territories. Follow figures on the 1939 production. At present, in the liberated territories, all mulberry trees are in good condition so why not invite peasants and farmers to begin cultivating silk worms again ? If work wer started immediately, by next year Italy could export 400-500 millions worth of silk; this would procure foreign currency with which to buy abroad much very necessary stuff.

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1. A New World. Hearty approval of President Roosevelt's report on Yalta. If America is really going to come out of isolation and play her part in the world it is a very happy augury for the future, thinks I.N.

2. It might be thought, writes Babeuf, that we would rejoice at the discord in the Socialist ranks and the expulsion of Rapaci. On the contrary knowing the importance of the Socialist party we are very sad to see it become totalitarian. Towards Rapaci and other freethinking Leftists of his kind we have only the most charitable

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feelings and, in a sense above the purely partisan, we are on his side. We are for a united front of anti-totalitarians whatever be their other political convictions.

3. G.D. thinks that Bonomi made a great mistake in not going to Sicily. It will be said that the government is afraid to set foot on the island. His cancelled visit was a triumph for the Separatists.

4. Stories of a cabinet crisis are untrue, reports I.B. The little ripples of discord are merely tactical efforts - successful apparently - of the Communists to get more concessions from Bonomi

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3. The number of crimes, aggressions and thefts in Rome is increasing every day. The Police should be improved, they should get better arms, more transport and better wages.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The end of isolation. Guido Gonella comments favourably on President Roosevelt's speech, calling him the most farsighted statesman of our times.

2. Commenting on the announcement of the re-established diplomatic relations between France and Italy, Il Popolo hopes that collaboration between the two countries will become more and more close and friendly.

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3. Yesterday at the National Council of the Christian Democrat party it has been restated that more initiative must be taken for a larger contribution by women towards the solution of national problems. Follows list of resolutions taken at the end of the meeting.

4. Greens and fruit are scarce at the General Markets. This is due mainly to lack of transport and also to high prices asked in the place of origin.

5. The Allied Commission announces that the generating power of electric plants in Central Italy has been trebled. The Director of AGTA has declared that conditions will be further improved, that next winter there will sufficient power except for heating purposes and that tariffs will be increased.

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2. Tempo publishes an article of Stettinius, 'program for real peace'; Peace can be maintained only if peace-loving nations remain united in their effort to maintain it. Each state must be considered as an international individuality, without taking into consideration its position or the extension of its territory. Every state must participate in the creation of a peaceful world order. The Committee for Safety will be much more powerful than the League of Nations ever was; it will have much stronger control powers. A lasting peace has got to be built. Armaments ought to be reduced: there is no question of a general disarmament; all nations should follow the same

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road at the same pace, but to reach this aim, the nations must be able to entrust their safety to the new organization.

3. The police is showing great zeal against gambling houses, however they should remember that a perquisition made without a warrant is unlawful.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Comments of Velio Spano on the resumption of Franco-Italian relations.

GENERAL

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5. It seems that the Big Three think of making an independent state of Rheinland. (Reuter)

6. On April 1st the Allied Regional Commissioners for Sicily, Sardinia, Lazio and Umbria will be abolished. For what concerns political questions, the Allied Commission will now take advice from the British and American Embassies.

7. The Allied Commission communicates that important steps have been taken to rehabilitate electric power plants.

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8. Field Marshall Alexander has given certificates to 78 Italian Patriots.

9. The A.C. political section ceases functioning from today.

10. It is rumoured again that Sforza may go as Italian Ambassador to Paris.

11. Bergami made a statemen on the present food situation; the UNRRA relief will be used only for children.

12. It is rumoured that a special mission under Edward Flynn is trying to bring about an agreement between the Vatican and Russia. Roosevelt very much desires the complete support of the Vatican for the S. Francisco Conference and tries to settle the difficulties between the Holy See and the Soviet Govt. It is believed that Flynn's mission is connected with Mons. Spellman's journey. The points under discussion would deal with the freedom and the respect of the religious rights of about 34 millions Catholics in Germany, Austria, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, and Yugoslavia.

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21. According to U.P. it seems that Stalin will visit England next summer.

22. It seems that busses will be abolished altogether; the tram service on the other hand will be improved.

23. P.W.B. will furnish no more news to newspapers after the 5th of March.

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2. Against raids on black market, for their only effect is to render prices still more high and to make food more difficult to find.

3. Prostitution, at present, is certainly exaggerate, says e.m.m.; but why cut the hair of the women found with American soldiers, if all those who gave themselves to German soldiers never had any trouble ?

4. Continues debate with Avanti on Repaci and Socialism and freedom of press. (Calosso)

INDIPENDENTE

1. England has gone through her calvary with energy and calm and courage, and is now approaching victory. Two hundred Thousand houses were destroyed, many millions were damaged, many had to be evacuated, ships were lost, import had to be limited, but England found within herself the way to face all difficulties. Production was intensified, greater extensions of land were cultivated.

2. Five millions worth of cloths stolen from the actress Elsa Merlini.

3. "Piove", "It is raining" is the cry which warns black marketers that the Police are approaching; unhappily it "rains" a little everywhere, and therefore it is very difficult for everybody to find any food.

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3. Prostitution, at present, is certainly exaggerate, says G.M.M.; but why cut the hair of the women found with American soldiers, if all those who gave themselves to German soldiers never had any trouble ?

4. Continues debate with Avanti on Repaci and Socialism and freedom of press. (Calosso)

INDIPENDENTE

1. England has gone through her calvary with energy and calm and courage, and is now approaching victory. Two hundred Thousand houses were destroyed, many millions were damaged, many had to be evacuated, ships were lost, import had to be limited, but England found within herself the way to face all difficulties. Production was intensified, greater extensions of land were cultivated.

2. Five millions worth of cloths stolen from the actress Elsa Merlini.

3. "Piove","it is raining" is the cry which warns black marketers that the Police are approaching; unhappily it "rains" a little everywhere, and therefore it is very difficult for everybody to find any food.

4. Six hundred kilos of pasta requisitioned in a deposit of "carrettini a mano". (Hand carts)

LIBERA STAMPA

1. Ten months ago the price of bread was three lire, now it is 18; one could then buy shoes for 1.000 lire, now one must pay 6.000, illegal but tolerated prices of black market have reached incredible heights. All this because ten months ago we gave our faith to men and ideas which already had brought about Fascism. Now all Italians ask themselves "How will it all end ?" Many find relief in blaming the Allies for all that has happened; but we find, says Ernesto Sanbucci, that if there still exists some hope of redemption for Italy, this hope lies in the help we can receive from the Allies.

2. We shall continue inexorably our fight against black market, declared Fumanti, enemy number one of the "borsari".

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. O. expresses pleasure at betterment of Franco-Italian relations. This augurs well for the revival of "latinity" in Europe.

2. Hopes the Polish question has not reached its final settlement. There may be grounds for hope for after all the Atlantic Charter which was once regarded as a punto di partenza has now become a punto d'arrivo. Events shape the intention of men.

QUOTIDIANO (Catholic Independent)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Comments on the new agreement between France and Italy. The anti-French policy was the work of a small minority. The Italians living in Tunisia might benefit from the double nationality like those who live in America.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Article by Monitor on the state of the lira. Hopes that the Allies may be persuaded to stop printing AM-lire and, what is even more important, to clarify their intentions toward the lira. What the Italians must have is confidence and the present obscure and apparently vacillating Allied policy does not lead to confidence.

2. Restaurants complain they are being raided as if they were black markets. Yet they had been given to understand they had a right to operate. And if they are not supposed to buy on the free market then ask the rationing board to allow them supplies. Whatever the policy is to be they would like to know; the present treatment they are getting is unfair.

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1. Fascists are worse enemies than the Germans, for they are closer to the Italians. There is at least some grandeur in the Germans, while the Fascists do nothing but betray each other.

2. Giornale del Mattino writes that a new plan for the decentralization of Germany is being studied in America: Germany would be divided in five weak states loosely federated. The capital would be transferred from Berlin to Frankfurt. German economy would be completely re-organized, purely agricultural industries would be developed.

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CLOSO (Economic)

1. a) The High Commissioner for Food, Giro Bergami, began a long review of the present situation in Italy by expressing the thanks of the entire Italian nation for the valuable work carried out up till now by the Food Sub-Commission under Col. Legg, particularly for the way prompt relief was brought to newly-liberated cities.

b) Figures are given for United Nations' imports of food into Italy for the last six months.

c) Under the new rationing scheme normal consumers are assured of 900-1000 calories a day, (more than before the Armistice), or about one third of the average needs. The population is still worse off, however, owing to lack of fats, proteins and sugar.

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4. Demand that General Carboni be brought to trial for handing over to the Germans the troops reserved for the defence of Rome. King Victor Emanuel, Badoglio, Prince Umberto, and General Ambrosio should also be tried for their part in the betrayal of the nation, instead of enjoying Allied protection.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The resumption of diplomatic relations between France and Italy make us hope that a friendly and close collaborations may be reestablished between these two countries, writes Enzo Selvaggi. On the relations between Italy and France depends the destiny of hundred of thousands of Italians living in France and particularly of those living in Tunisia. An understanding between these countries is essential for European peace. The Italian Govt. has given in on all points in order to reach this agreement. We shall not have our counsular agents in french colonies, although there would be many important interests to protect there. France needs Italy as much as Italy needs her. We hope that now on Italian subjects will no longer be treated as enemies.

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2. The C.G.I.L. has been invited to the first National Congress of Bulgarian professional syndicates, which will take place on March 16.

3. Agreement for increase of wages has been reached between workers and industrialists in Naples.

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4. The Ministers Di Rodinò, Cerrone, De Courten, Gronchi and Ruini have visited the industrial zone of Naples in order to see with their own eyes the measures which are most urgent for a quick industrial rehabilitation.

5. The "Procuratore del Re" has formulated a principle of a great moral importance, according to which partisans are to be judged by the military tribunal.

6. Brazil will have a new constitution and a democratic Govt. will be re-established.

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2. Remarks of leading liberals at the meeting of Party's National Committee: a) Casati expressed satisfaction at the response to the call to arms which was better than anticipated, he said. He also thought the enrollment of partisan bands in the Army under their own leaders was a good thing both from the point of view of morale and from the professional point of view; b) Selari admitted the financial situation was serious and there would be heavy tax burdens as well as large loans necessary in the future. He was happy to report however that the Govt. had been able to keep issuance of notes under the ceiling allowed. The future of the lira, he said, was tied up with Italy's relations to the Allies; he thought that reason enough for optimism; c) Arangio-Ruiz stressed the advantages of return to legality in educational matters. Schools of advanced of higher learning in the future would have to be limited; the country must give attention to seeing that those really worthy were given opportunities to study and those who were simply afforded leisure by their better economic status should not be allowed to take up the restricted time and facilities which should go to the really able... The Committee sent a message of good will to the partisans in the North.

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2. Italo Zingarelli comments on the present situation of Rumania.

3. What about the employees who have been pensioned off ? Are they going to be left to starve ?

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Only the poor and the workers bear the burden of the war. All agree that it should be borne by the rich, by those who wanted the war and benefited by it, but nothing is done in that sense. Some categories of citizens must be expropriated: their present economic positions shows they are 'objectively dishonest'. This will give funds to the State and land to the peasants.

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9. Five steamers transporting supplies sent to Italy by the American Relief for Italy are being unloaded in Italian ports.

10. Statement of De Gaulle to the National Assembly: The State must have the management of the chief electric power plants and transport organization. The Govt. will create a Council for National Economy to coordinate all the sectors of economic life Coal, electric power, gas, transports, communications, heavy industry, and credit

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must be under the control of the State. The rest should be left quite free. The lend lease agreement made with U.S.A. will enable France to reorganise the main french industries.

10. Roosevelt refused to discuss Flynn's mission, but gave the impression that it had a great international importance. The Vatican keeps silent about the American attempt to bring about a rapprochement with Russia. The 'Osservatore Romano' regretted Russia's intransigence towards the Catholic Church and hoped that she would change her attitude. I.N.S.)

11. Prince Stirbey refused to form the Rumanian Govt. Petru Groza has been asked to form a Cabinet.

12. The Radio Telephone service between Italy and the States has been re-organized yesterday. Bonomi inaugurated it, speaking to Ambassador Tarchiani. Brigadier Lush, Col. Scudder, Ambassador Kirk were present.

13. Ambassador Tarchiani is negotiating to have the Italian P.O.W. released and to repatriate all technicians and specialistis without delay.

14. arrest of Pacciardi Guidi, chief of the fascist police. It seems that he had been negotiating with the partisans saying he would help them to get hold of Mussolini if they gave him a pass for a neutral country.

15. Field Marshall Alexander and Marshal Tito came to a complete agreement about the arguments under discussion.

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12. The Radio Telephone service between Italy and the States has been re-organized yesterday. Bonomi inaugurated it, speaking to Ambassador Tarchiani. Brigadier Lush, Col. Scudder, Ambassador Kirk were present.

13. Ambassador Tarchiani is negotiating to have the Italian P.O.W. released and to repatriate all technicians and specialistis without delay.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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LIBERA STAMPA - N.R.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Account of World Trade Union Congress in London.

QUOTIDIANO - Catholic Independent)

1. International policy during the month of February, comments by Rufo Raffo.

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2. Speaking about the Sicilian problem, Don Sturzo says that the separatists as well as the partisans of unity agree about Sicilian autonomy within the frame of national unity.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. The Court of Accounts, by Vittorio Gambarella.

2. Ruini's speech about the rehabilitation of the Naples harbour. The Italian Govt. has asked the Allies to import what is required for the reconstruction of the harbour.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni writes on the Socialist Internationale meeting in London, pointing out how the participation of the Italian Socialists in this movement is important for the working class throughout the world and for the position of Italy as well.

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2. Return to Turope. Article by Paolo Treves who sees in the events of the past week (the Macmillan memorandum, the reports from Chamberlain and Roosevelt, the resumption of relations with France) the promise of Italy's return, after years of separation, to the family of Europe.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Arrigo Jacchia studies the psychology of the Germans at the present moment. Leniency towards the Germans is bound to mean another war. Germany must be controlled during long years, but even this will only be efficacious if there is a general organization for peace. The inefficiency of the League of Nations was in part caused by the absence of the United States, but nowadays, Roosevelt is asking an anti-isolationist policy. Competition and individual egoism must no longer interfere with common defence.

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3. The fortnightly "Nazioni Unite" edited by the "Mazzini Society" writes that after so many disappointments Italy should at least be invited to the S. Francisco Conference.

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4. The Minister for Agriculture, Fausto Gullo, declared that one billion lire will be allotted for loans to farmers damaged by the war. The criterion of distribution will be of favouring smaller farmers.

5. The manager of the Ferroboten in Taranto writes to the Editor complaining about requisitioning which is carried on by the Allied in their warehouses in spite of a declaration from the Allies that such material is necessary for reconstruction.

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7. The housing problem and the questions of blocked rents, by ADAMI.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Never have the conditions of the workers been worse, says Scognamiglio, and that is the reason why it is imperative to take steps immediately to see that they get all the indemnities they are entitled to. In this critical moment all workers' organizations must co-operate in providing the maximum possible facilities for social insurance. Medical supplies for workers should be provided by the Allies.

2. Levelling up of wages in Rome public services concerns greeted as an important syndical conquest.

3. Program of work announced by the Commission for the liquidation of the ex-Fascist Confederations.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Benedetto Croce writes that at present Italy's political life is lacking of a right party that is a good conservative party and not a reactionary one of course. B.C. compares the present political situation to the one in which Cavour found himself in 1860. He then explains why the Liberal party of today has preferred to call itself a centre party.

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2. At the meeting of the National Committee of the Liberal Party the Minister Brosio made some declaration on the directives on which the "Giunta Esecutiva" will base its work. Our work, he said, cannot but be linked to the pre-Fascist period. As regards social justice its importance should not be stressed to the detriment of freedom. For us freedom comes always first. Every effort will be made in order to encourage private initiative. As regards elections we shall ask the support of that part of the population which wishes reforms to take place in an orderly manner. As regards the institutional problem it is a question of unity or scission inside the party as it is in the nation. It will be solved when the whole of Italy is liberated; till then the party must ask its members to give up their personal ideas in order to avoid a division of the party itself.

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GENERAL

1. Meeting of the Advisory Council for Italy on March 2nd. Brigadier Lush presented a report of Admiral Stone on the recent political events in liberated Italy.

2. Finland declares war against Germany. (United Press)

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3. The Vatican milieux consider that an agreement with Russia is possible. (I.N.S.)

4. Morgenthau denied the news that the United States had modified their decision to put at the disposal of Italy an amount of dollars equal to the amount of the expenses of the American troops in Italy. The American Govt. has not yet pledged itself to supply credits in $ for the total covering of the Allied circulation in Italy. The definition of the expenses for the military campaign in Italy has not yet been made, but Italy may count on a credit in $ to cover the AM-Lire, with the above mentioned reservation. (I.N.S.)

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17. Asked whether the settlement of the Polish border would request a treaty with Germany, Roosevelt answered such treaties with Germany were only signed after several years. The request for indemnities in nature shows that the Allies are not going to make the same mistake as they did after the last war, asking for payment in currency which Germany was not able to make.

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18. A project is being drafted, by which Russia, England, U.S.A., France and China would be able to charge with aggression one of the said great powers. Should one of these powers be charged with aggression it would have to answer, and the others would decide whether to submit its action to arbitration. Should the accused power throw back the request, thus giving rise to the problem whether to use force or not, each of the above mentioned five big powers would have the right to vote.

19. The French Ambassador has received Italian journalists: a propos of the question of Tunisia, the representative of the French Temporary Govt. said that their conditions would be like that of the Italians living in French territory. Theoretically, they are still considered as subjects of an enemy country, but in fact, they are free to work and to own property without any restriction.

20. A decree giving a new constitution to Brasil has been signed by President Vargas. (Reuter)

21. Statement of Torchiani to I.N.S.: Italy hopes to be soon invited to participate in the San Francisco Conference, she also hopes that the armistice conditions will be gradually modified in her favour. Italy is ready to make some territorial concessions, and give Dodecannese to Greece for the population is mostly Greek, but she claims Lybia, Somalia and Tritrea which greatly benefited by the Italian initiative. The Italian P.O.W. must be set free to work in the American war plants with civilian salaries, till shortage of man power is overcome and allows for their repatriation.

22. Statement of Grew: Japan is still very powerful and can increase her war output.

23. Since the death of the 'Gobbo' the Quarticciolo has become a kind of no man's land where the bandits of Rome do just what they like for there are neither carabinieri nor police agents.

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2. Commenting on Roatta's escape, E. says this reveals that he is guilty. To avoid justice means to desert; so the deserter Roatta must be punished as deserters usually are; so many times now he has betrayed Italy before the whole world, so, ends E., he must now be treated as a traitor.

INDIPENDENTE - Not available.

LIBERA STAMPA

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2. Commenting on Roatta's escape, a.n. says this reveals that he is guilty. To avoid justice means to desert; so the deserter Roatta must be punished as deserters usually are; so many times now he has betrayed Italy before the whole world, so, ends l'a., he must now be treated as a traitor.

INDIPENDENTE - Not available.

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2. Quotidiano publishes a letter of Pietro Amendola, Provincial Secretary of the Communist Party, and Provincial Commissioner for Epuration, to Mr. G. Municipal Secretary of x. Amendola threatens G. with epuration for being hostile to the Communist party. Why does

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Pietro Amendola adopt the methods of which Giovanni Amendola was a victim, asks Quotidiano.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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fooled his judges, Roatta has now also fooled his gaolers, by evading democratic justice. Evidently he is not the only person interested in his flight; other men and forces, feeling compromised, have tried to save themselves by saving him; not having been able to sabotage his trial, they have bought his silence by enabling him to escape. It must be remembered that after Roatta's arrest, there was rumour of arresting also Badoglio, and at the same time the ministerial crisis began. What does the Govt. do to protect the Country from increasing intrigues of the reactionary forces ?

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5. Liuzzi, Roatta's defensor said that probably the General escaped because he was afraid of being handed over to Yugoslavia.

6. It seems that within the week President Vargas will issue a decree by which Italians will come in possession of their patrimonies in Brazil, which had been blocked.

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7. The Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche has been charged by the Govt. to study the scientific and technical problems concerning the reconstruction of the Country. Long detailed article by Gustavo Colonnetti.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Complicity. Comment on Roatta flight is that it is the most serious matter since the armistice. I.L. then reviews the history of Roatta; how he fled with the King, how he would still be chief of staff if the Allies had not protested etc. His latest gesture is dramatic proof of the inadequacy of the epuration machinery, of the still unchecked power of Fascist elements, of the incapacity of the government. I.L. concludes; the epuration law should be tightened, its application should be taken from "the weak hands of Bonomi".

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3. Previous to the recent increase of salary to State employees, the Govt. has dealt directly with its dependents. This should happen more often notes G. Pilia.

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MOMENTO

1. Rosetta's flight is a dramatic example of the danger facing our country, says Il M. and illustrates what we have been saying for some time about the slackness of epuration process. The people are tired of evasive, half way measures. There is no time to lose - epuration must be swifter and sharper.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Who benefits by Roatta's escape, asks Unità ? Investigation has now been entrusted to functionaries who belong to the organs which ought to be fighting Fascism but don't. If those who are responsible cannot do their duty, they had better go.

2. Attack against Dino Grandi. He is a war criminal and should be handed over by Portugal to be punished by the Italian tribunals.

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GENERAL

1. The Moscow Govt. has reduced its request for credits to the United States to six billion $ instead of 8. It is believed that the agreement made between the United States and France on the basis of the Lend Lease Law will be the basis of all identical agreements which will, in future, be concluded with other countries including perhaps Italy.

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14. The inter-American safety system created in Città del Messico will test the ability of the United States for leading the organization of the world's peace. The Chapultepec statements might bring about the division of the world in various blocks grouped round the five big Powers; this would be in definite opposition to the hopes and plans of the United States as defined

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The critical points are the following: a) the Chapultepec statement foresees that the American nations will establish guarantees for the territorial integrity of the countries of this hemisphere and will automatically use force, whenever necessary to protect these guarantees. b) though foreseing a full acknowledgement of regional organizations, the Dumbarton Oaks plan establishes that regional nation groups can take the action required to maintain peace and prevent aggressions only when authorized to do so by the Council for the World's safety. However, on the request of the American hemisphere will have to be in harmony with the aims and principles of the international organization.

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4. Catanzaro province protests against the abolition of the Sanatorium.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. The Roatta case shows once more the weakness of our Govt. and the necessity of purifying the Nation from the remnants of fascism. Would something like this have happened if instead of the present Govt. we had a directive organism truly representing the national conscience and the public opinion ?

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2. Teobaldo Ricci has, for the first time in history, captured radio waves transmitted from Mars.

3. According to the "Christian Science Monitor" Sir William Citrine has asked for complete control over Germany; Sir William also pointed out that Italy cannot possibly bear the whole weight of the armistice financial clauses.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Interview of Quotidiano with Lamberto Giannitelli about the London Trade Unions Conference, there have been neither differences of opinion, nor particularist or exclusivist demands of a national character. The delegations of the workers have left on a secondary plan the category or class professional interests, in order to assert the greatness and necessity of a moral and political reconstruction of the world on the basis of a just peace.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Comment on Roatta flight. Sforza is wrong to counsel patience and solidarity with the government at this time; the government has proved itself inept and possibly "the servant of forces hostile to the people"... Similar criticism of RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE's plea "not to dramatize this episode" but then, says V.R., what could we expect of R.L. ? And the Socialist Party's attitude is too lukewarm; after all the Socialist party too was willing to collaborate with the monarchy... The monarchy must be put aside, says V.R., the program needed now is Provisional Government, National Army, Constituent Assembly... Another article on "ineptitude or treason" in the government... A third on the same subject urging that the Govt. resign.

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2. It is not surprising that the "scandalous escape" should have caused grave incidents, but we hope that the instinctive good nature of Italians and the good sense of the people will keep us aware of the tragic moment we are passing through and of the numerous difficulties our Government has to face, says the leading article of the P.d.A. We do not want to belittle the importance of the scandal, we want, on the contrary, all responsibilities and complicities to be revealed as soon as possible.

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3. Ironic comment on Govt. communiqué which speaks of revising the Commissariato for punishment of fascist crimes, when, says I.L., it is the Commissariato which has done its duty: and other agencies and elements that need "revising".

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2. The High Commissioner for Epuration or the Ministry of Treasury has been debating and studying the application of the law on requisitioning of patrimonies of hierarchs. Would it not has been more reasonable and useful to ask also the help and advice of political, syndical and juridical organisations? asks Il Lavoro.

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3. Great discontent is circulating among employees of financial and credit institutions because - while all other workers and State employees have profited by increases which, though not solving the difficult condition represent however a help - no measures have as yet been taken to improve their economic situation.

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1. Inflation in Germany, by Giuseppe Conigliani.

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TEMPO (Independent)

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3. Yesterday's mass protest about the flight of Roatta. About 15.000 people gathered at the Colosseum; speeches by representatives of various parties and organisation, mostly denouncing the responsibilities of the Bonomi Govt. in "scandalous escape"; the crowd then moved to the Quirinale to demonstrate against monarchy

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18. It seems that after the war the Kiel canal will be internationalized. (I.N.S.)

19. Statement of Stettinius, the importance of the voting procedure which will be adopted at the S. Francisco Conference.

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When a member of the Safety Council is a party in a trial, it is not allowed to vote on any of the decisions of the Council connected with the peaceful settlement of the question. The Council can therefore examine the question thoroughly, and the other members can use their influence with the parties concerned. Stettinius has expressed his deep regret that France did not consent to be one of the promoters of the Conference. (Reuter)

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2. F.D. comments on the importance which the various newspapers have given to the Roatta case; the leftist papers have issued orders of the day and have proclaimed meetings and committees, while the others have been mostly worried about the "public order" and as for the monarchic organ, Italia Nuova, it just said that the flight was strictly connected with the wrong direction given to the trial.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Indipendente says that it is not possible to charge the Govt. with political responsibility, for Roatta's escape; many previous cases have demonstrated that it is possible to escape even from much better guarded prisons; how many have escaped from Regina Coeli, and even from Via Tasso? The gravity of the case lies in the fact that it has been suspected that personalities belonging to Roatta's milieur are involved in this escape. But the really serious thing was yesterday's demonstration, and the

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2. F.D. comments on the importance which the various newspapers have given to the Roatta case; the leftist papers have issued orders of the day and have proclaimed meetings and committees, while the others have been mostly worried about the "public order" and as for the monarchic organ, Italia Nuova, it just said that the flight was strictly connected with the wrong direction given to the trial.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Indipendente says that it is not possible to charge the Govt. with political responsibility, for Roatta's escape; many previous cases have demonstrated that it is possible to escape even from much better guarded prisons; how many have escaped from Regina Coeli, and even from Via Tasso? The gravity of the case lies in the fact that it has been suspected that personalities belonging to Roatta's milieur are involved in this escape. But the really serious thing was yesterday's demonstration, and the evident desire to provoke some sort of disorder; one does not usually carry bombs in one's pockets; and also the fact that the corpse was used at the same time as a shield and as a catapult to break into the Viminale denotes an illegal method worthy of the reactionary groups.

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. BEWARE ! Libera Stampa writes against the Communist Party which tries to be in the Govt. and at the reaction at the same time; no party, anyhow, should be allowed to proclaim popular

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movements which can always end in blood-shed. When bombs and fire arms come into action, it is then very difficult to find those responsible for the riot, and the people are the ones who pay.

2. Hundreds of kilos of wheat fish and pastries requisitioned at the black market.

3. Another gang of criminals has been arrested.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. "Old errors and new responsibilities". Many errors have been committed by the C.L.N. which has not been able to remain faithful to its first ideals and aims, and many errors have also

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been committed by the Govt, but all the same, writes T.d.P., manifestations such as yesterday's should never be ordered; who can possibly control a crowd of several thousand people? Do we want freedom or dictatorship ? If we want the first, we must remember that it means order and legality. What illusions can the Allies still have on Italy's new democracy, after yesterday's demonstration ?.

2. A car was stopped by false black agents; the three occupants of the car were then robbed of every thing even their clothes, and left in a ditch.

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3. It is a common thing to insult a dead person who cannot defend himself. The rumour has been spread that the victim was killed by a bomb he was going to throw himself. We can give names of witnesses who saw, says Avanti, a Maresciallo of the Carabinieri throw the first bomb and a Carabiniere the second one.

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4. The flight of His Excellency Bottai was decided, says Subalpino, when, while at the trial the Commander of the Fascist troops in Spain was being discussed, an Ambassador was being sent to Franco, causing the disapproval of the "Public Opinion" and of the Allies. Our guess will be very near the truth if we say that Bottai's accomplices have, all of them, the title of Excellency.

5. There has been as yet no epuration of the Carabinieri, says Avanti.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Another editorial calling for resignation of Bonomi and stressing the serious responsibility of those parties who by their collaboration allow this government to continue... I.L. promises comment tomorrow on the Govt's communiqué.

2. Cry of alarm. According to A.E. the circumstances of political life now are similar to those that preceded Fascism.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Calm has succeeded the storm, writes Selvaggi, but it is a false calm because now the Italian public knows that the government has failed to meet the situation; it has not punished the demonstrators, it has issued a communiqué intending to be reassuring but actually revealing only its own incapacity, arrogance and desire to stay in power at all costs. The crucial point these days, when the eyes of the world are fixed on us and when the Govt has been called "provisional" by the Allies (implying their right to intervene), is maintenance of law and order and it cannot be said that the Govt is efficient in this respect.

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3. Today is the first time that the 8 March, the day of the women, is celebrated, writes Maddalena Secco. She then explains the functions of the new Advisory Committees for Women to be appointed by every Confederate Chamber of Labour. These Committees will protect women's rights and it is hoped that women will understand better the utility of such organisations and will participate more in social activities.

3. The U.D.I. (Unione Donne Italiane) has sent a telegram to the International Congress of Women which will be held in London, deploring the fact that the Unione has not been invited to it.

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4. Giuseppe Di Vittorio, during an interview in Paris, has stated that he has examined together with the representatives of the French syndicate organizations a program of joint action both as regards labour problems and relations between Italian-French peoples.

5. The military tribunal of Catanzaro has started action against 88 Fascists who had set up an organization the aim of which was to fight Communism.

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SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Italy lacks raw materials; she could therefore export some

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special agricultural products and arts and crafts, mainly those which have an artistic or characteristic value. Tourism and also the working of half worked products would also better the balance of Italy's foreign exchanges.

2. It seems that the Germans removed machinery worth 800 million lire from the Roman plants.

3. 100 billion lire will be necessary to build houses for the people who lost theirs during the war.

4. It is said that in the North, about 50 % of the private property will be expropriated.

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a) The Council is preparing a list of reliable anti-fascists who might temporarily exercise political functions in the provinces and f) has asked a commission of former ministers a) to draft regulations to re-organize the High Commissariat for sanctions against fascism, especially for what concerns the punishment of fascist crimes. b) to prepare a law which will punish every attempt at resuming fascist activities under any form whatsoever, c) to make regulations for sanctions against the fascists of North Italy.

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10. Benedetto Croce, in commemoration of the 95th anniversary of Masaryk, recalls the greatness of this patriot of Bohemia, in a speech in Palazzo Venezia; he tells of the sympathy felt in Italy for struggling Czechoslovakia and of the help given by Italians to those persecuted.

11. The Socialist Meeting in London asks for a just division of raw materials, and points out the urgency of solving the European land transport situation.

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12. The Prefect declared that he is doing his best so that the Rome streets may soon be at least partly illuminated.

13. The Augustus and seven other ships sunk by the Germans in the port of Genoa, according to the "Journal de Geneve". (I.N.S.)

14. The Lend Lease Law has been extended for another years. (Washington)

15. The French Minister of Foreign Affairs stated that France will participate in the S. Francisco Conference and wishes to co-operate in the preparation of the new world organization. (Reuter)

16. Minister Attlee has gone to Paris to discuss with the members of the French Govt the way to hasten the sending of British supplies to France whose economic situation is very grave. In all France, foodstuffs and supplies are barely sufficient to cover a fortnight's requirements; and this with a strict rationing which is acknowledged to be insufficient. Attlee was received by DeGaulle.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Ricostruzione comments on the decisions of the Govt which mainly consist in the intensification of the fight against Fascism. Public opinion now demands immediate action. The Parties have again re-asserted their solidarity with the policy of Bonomi. The democratic forces which do not participate in the Govt have the duty of collaborating in the democratization of the nation.

2. What happens to the poor when they are ill, asks Giovanni Mariotti? At home they have no medicines left and they cannot find them at the chemists'. If they manage to be taken in a hospital, they must bring their linen, their foods, their forks, spoons and knives and their medicines. It is no longer possible to make X rays; soon the instruments will be lacking; rubber gloves have almost disappeared. As for the medicines most of them have disappeared. The supplies given by the Allies have come to an end. What happens to those who cannot affort black market prices for their medicines ?

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The Govt has a legal responsibility in Rontta's escape,

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which was pre-announced by the dismissal of General Azzi and by the raid on the Avanti, and these facts show clearly what is the system used, says Colosso. A system by which it is possible to attempt to free Jacomoni, it is possible for members of the OVRA to occupy important posts, it is possible for the Fascist clandestine paper to appear and to announce a second "marcia su Roma". We don't to discuss the good intentions of the present Govt, but intentions are no good unless they are carried out. The Country and the people are beginning to realize this state of affairs; epuration and sanctions should pass through popular organisation, as the C.G.I.L. or even the International Confederation.

2. Avanti has not been assigned enough news-print.

3. By abolishing the political price of bread, the extraordinary State budget has saved about 16 billion lire, 2 and a half of which already weight on the ordinary budget, as extraordinary expenses are faced by extraordinary incomes, and the ordinary expenses by ordinary incomes. Has the State sufficient ordinary incomes to face those new expenses, asks p.b. ? Not being able to face the situation the Govt has now instead to face a smaller, but on the other hand continuous expense, without realizing that what weighed most on the budget, was not the 16 billion but the inertia of the Govt itself which cannot free itself from ordinary administration.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Il Globo writes a letter to Bonomi, in which it urges him not to allow laws or decrees to be issued unless they are first rendered public and discussed by the people through the press or through syndical organisations. The Ministers who suggests the laws or decrees should point out the reasons why such steps should

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be taken, and answer the objections which may be risen. This, says the Globo, so that the people do not have the impression that laws are imposed upon them as under a dictatorial Govt.

2. The "Economist" writes that the request made by the Italian Govt to the A.C. that the AM-Lire issued to pay occupation troops and Italians who work for the Allies, should be covered by the equivalent in dollars or sterlings, is legitimate. The article points out that the readiness with which Italians are willing and able to do anything towards the reconstruction of their country, is an argument in favour of a better treatment from the Allies. The Italian financial situation is in great danger, prices have become extremely high, in the black market the value of the lira is almost nil, and the Italian Govt is doing its best to save the situation by energetic measures, but this does not mean that it will save it, ends the writer.

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aimed at "socially dangerous"elements are arbitrary and tyrannical and reminiscent of Fascism. It is absurd for the government to hunt down Fascists now; the dangerous ones are all in the North or imprisoned or have changed their shirts. The result will be merely a reign of terror for a great number of innocent people. And the disorderly elements responsible for the demonstration will not even be affected by these measures.

2. Order of the Day of Democratic Party, deploring the recent disorder and calling on the Govt to maintain law and order and to hasten the formation of an Advisory Assembly.

3. I.N. urges Italians of all parties to subscribe to the new national loan.

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2. Muscolini and his accomplices announce their decision to fight to the last in the upper valley of the Po.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The first meeting of the Christian Associations of Italian Workers took place yesterday. Gronchi, the Minister of Labour, made a speech on the relations between democracy and Christianity.

2. Il Popolo strongly criticises Colosso's opinion that "the Italian people are sexually inferior".

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3. Two Commissions, whose task is to study the problems of the reconstruction of Montecassion Abbey, met in Mottesaccino yesterday. It is announced that on March 15 a solemn ceremony will take place in Cassino where a cardinal and other Govt officials will be present.

4. A propos of the Prefect order that children under 16 are not allowed to attend variety shows, Il Popolo writes that such a provision is not sufficient if immorality has to be fought seriously. There should be a preventive censorship of all such performances.

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3. Letter of Togliatti to the Florentine Communist federation: the Communists said their participation in the Govt would come

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to an end should the Govt not take energetic action against fascism. There must be close links between the Communist and the Socialist party.

GENERAL

1. The Council of Ministers decided to issue new 'Buoni del Tesoro' to provide funds for intensification of the war effort and allow the Govt to avoid issuing more paper money before the complete liberation of the national territory and the financial reorganization. The Council has approved a decree about the institution of provincial relief committees, and a measure concerning the immediate payment of overdue pensions. General Cxilia was appointed Commander of the Guardia di Finanze. The Council also approved the draft of a decree increasing the transport tariff of persons and things on State railways, and on the railway or navigation lines granted to private industry.

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7. The question whether Italian prisoners should replace British strikers in the London harbour, has not yet been decided. (I.N.S.)

8. Tarchiani will not request the liberation of the Italian prisoners in Italy, for this question is only one side of greater problem, that of the position of Italy. If he succeeds in having Italy acknowledged as an ally, the problem of the prisoners will be

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automatically solved. The War Department is definitely opposed to the repatriation of the Italian P.O.W. because of shipping shortage and because of their much appreciated work in the United States. (I.N.S.)

9. Tarchiani presented his credentials to President Roosevelt who expressed his trust in Italian reconstruction and praised the Italian patriots. There is no longer any reason for hostility between Italy and America. (U.P.)

10. The American Press comments favourably on the loan made by the Italian Govt. (I.N.S.)

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17. "Women's Day" celebration in Rome yesterday.

18. Newsprint for March assured, thanks also to the Allies' help.

19. Anti-separatist demonstration in Sicily during Finocchiaro Aprile's trip to Gela.

20. Small pox injections compulsory in Rome.

21. Twenty American republics are willing to forget their grudges against Argentina if she collaborates and takes the necessary action to become a member of the United Nations. Argentina would probably be asked to declare war on Germany. (A.PP.)

22. The new Yugoslav Govt has taken its oath to the Regents; Tito is President and has the portfolio of National Defence; Subasic is Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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18. Newsprint for March assured, thanks also to the Allies' help.

19. Anti-separatist demonstration in Sicily during Pinocchiaro Aprile's trip to Gela.

20. Small pox injections compulsory in Rome.

21. Twenty American republics are willing to forget their grudges against Argentina if she collaborates and takes the necessary action to become a member of the United Nations. Argentina would probably be asked to declare war on Germany. (A.FP.)

22. The new Yugoslav Govt has taken its oath to the Regents; Tito is President and has the portfolio of National Defence; Subasic is Minister of Foreign Affairs.

23. Plan brought back from Yalta by Roosevelt, concerning the economic regime to be enforced on Germany: all plants for aeronautical constructions or arms production in the Reich territory will be destroyed. German heavy industry will be liquidated, except for a few sectors for the strictly controlled production of articles required for the civilian population. Others sectors will remain in activity to pay the indemnities in kind due to the Allies. German foreign trade will be directly disciplined by the Allies to prevent any attempt at rearmament; exports will be limited

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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1. Summing up of an article of Huysmans in 'Time and Tide': The small European States are greatly preoccupied by the treatment of Poland. Great Britain and the United States assumed a direct responsibility on this subject. Churchill and Roosevelt ought

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to intervene with Stalin and obtain that persecution and deportation be brought to an end.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. Pertinax, in the New York Times, writes that the Allies should study the Trieste problem immediately. When the war gets to that region, he thinks that the Anglo-American should take that whole territory under their strict control, so as to prevent conflicts between Italians and Yugoslavs.

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2. Attack against Minister Casati 'monarchic by race and ready to do anything to save the dynasty'.

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3. If the Govt means to fight Fascism seriously, it must not forget the University.

4. V.R. disagrees with Italia Nuova. It is quite right that the Servizio Informazioni should now be under the War Department. The army is no longer a caste as conceived by the monarchists. It is a pity that the Bonomi Govt which is not truly democratic, should have decided this under the pressure of events.

5. Giovanni Del Vecchio writes that the policy of the C.L.N. must change entirely. Italy has had enough of "arrivisme" and personal conquests. It took twenty years to get rid of fascism; another twenty years will be required to get over inertia.

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2. It is wrong to hoard bank-notes as peasants do, particularly in Southern Italy. This only causes new issues and consequent devaluation of the lira.

3. Agriculturists do not trust very much the newly formed institution for financing reconstruction of country buildings destroyed or damaged by war.

4. Sweets are forbidden but they have not disappeared.

5. In Tuscany a Credit institution has been formed for reconstruction of buildings, so that reconstruction can be started immediately without waiting for the Govt's help; funds of the local saving banks will be used.

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2. The work of the Carabinieri and their behaviour on the 6th has been lauded in a government communiqué. The Communists are in the government. The Socialists have a pact with the Communists. Yet AVANTI cold-bloodedly continues its attack on the carabinieri. This is against law and order and is following a line of conduct

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specifically deplored by the Govt, says I.B.

3. Lucci says of the new loan that it is not the final measures for financial rehabilitation but it is a step in the right direction. It should be supported and the Govt should make it clear to the people that there is an organic plan and therefore reason to have faith in the future.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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1. Giorgio Granata sees in an international Socialism the only way to avoid a third world war and establish a stable peace.

2. The rise of A.P. Giannini and the Bank of America.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Meeting of the Istituto Interbancario for the final

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agreements concerning the formation of the Consorzium which will be entrusted with the subscription of the new Loan.

2. Commenting on the agreement made with U.N.R.R.A., S. MM says that Italy cannot expect to be helped and rehabilitated without any contribution on her part. The help of the Allies will only prove useful if Italy adopts a sound political discipline and starts working.

3. Commenting on the Economic Charter of America drafted in Mexico City, S. MM says it confirms the principle of freedom of trade with the ensuing reduction or elimination of custom barriers. The abolition of economic nationalism means that the forces of labor and intelligence are going to take the first rank.

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2. Provincial relief Committees have been instituted by the Council of Minister.

3. When Stettinius returns from Mexico City, Parcuiani means to raise the question of the alteration of the state of co-belligrency. Parchiani also said that Trieste is unquestionably an Italian city. He trusts that reason will prevail and that Trieste will remain an Italian city.

4. A man pretending to be Roatta spoke on Radio Severe, saying that his wife, Major Rossi and General Orlando had helped him to escape. (ANSA)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Article of Silvio Bacchi on 'compensation for war damages'. As the war is not yet over the State is assuming obligations which it is not sure to be able to face. This not only because of the contribution it will give, but also because it will have to grant most of the loans that it would't be possible for the credit institutes to grant. It seems therefore advisable to divide the granting of the loans from the granting of the war contribution.

2. There are potatoes in Avezzano but the Prefect forbids their exportation. However, it is possible to get them in another village by paying an extra 10 lire per Kg. Every time the authorities decide that a certain product must go to the 'ammasso' and fix a price, the peasants hide the said product for the price which has been fixed is actually inferior to the cost price, and they sell it on the black market. Even great economists agree that 'ammassi' are fatal to national economy.

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1. The agricultural workers do not get the supplement of bread; and most of the time they do not really need it. However it is not the same in the case of the agricultural workers who cultivate the 2.000 'orti' in the periphery of Rome; they get no compensation in nature from the owners who produce only vegetables.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Article of Silvio Bacchi on 'compensation for war damages'. As the war is not yet over the State is assuming obligations which it is not sure to be able to face. This not only because of the contribution it will give, but also because it will have to grant most of the loans that it would't be possible for the credit institutes to grant. It seems therefore advisable to divide the granting of the loans from the granting of the war contribution.

2. There are potatoes in Avezzano but the Prefect forbids their exportation. However, it is possible to get them in another village by paying an extra 10 lire per Kg. Every time the authorities decide that a certain product must go to the 'ammasso' and fix a price, the peasants hide the said product for the price which has been fixed is actually inferior to the cost price, and they sell it on the black market. Even great economists agree that 'ammassi' are fatal to national economy.

3. The milk situation has improved.

4. Dissatisfaction among repatriated prisoners. The way they are treated is exasperating because of the slowness of bureaucracy. The A.I. Ministry does not pay colonial leave, gives no indemnity for lost luggage, does not give the soldiers all the money they are entitled to. The soldiers' families get their allotments from the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro with much delay.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Leading article on the necessity of carrying on epuration much faster and more thoroughly.

VOCE REPUBLICANA (Republican)

1. Action Party says we have not understood what it wants; quite right; nobody, in Italy, really knows what the Action Party's aims are.

2. Against Italia Nueva and Indipendente which, writing about the arrest of 35 neo-Fascists, calls them "Repubblicani".

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. "When the moment comes we alone shall know whom we must kill", say the German women, according to a Zurich correspondent.

2. Grieco speaks about epuration in the State Administration, giving figures of the work already done and saying that it will be carried on with severity and justice.

3. G.d.M. points out the importance of the new Loan and explains the reason why the Country must have faith in it.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Enough of secrets. The Ministers are unapproachable, or if they finally are approached, they keep silent, or speak of unimportant things; and so the press gives what news it can, which is often denied the next day by a Govt communiqué; evidently nobody trusts the seriousness of the journalists, everybody is afraid of speaking and saying what he knows; this shows a lack of faith in democracy. The secrecy kept on the armistice clauses is at the back of this uncomfortable and unhealthy situation which renders our relations with the Allies and even among ourselves very awkward.

2. It is foreseen that 5 billion lire will be collected within three months for the Fund of National Solidarity; details on how the money will be raised.

3. The liberated Nations must be patient and wait a little longer before they get all the relief and help promised to them by the Allies, writes the London Financial News. If more help had been given to them sooner, the rhythm of the war would have been slackened. (A.P.)

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judgment on it, Bonomi must be held primarily responsible, and the party leaders who share the governments burden in the coalition must also bear their share of the blame. And while it is understandable that they would not resign as a result of a mob demonstration, they should nevertheless ponder the situation well and proceed more energetically in the tasks of epuration and reconstruction; if they do not do so the liberation of the North may be the beginning of a tragic chapter in Italian history.

2. Edoardo Volterra writes on the need of decentralization and modernization of state machinery. He feels that there is some danger of Italy losing touch with the rest of the world if she clings to outmoded systems.

3. When Tarchiani speaks of Trieste's being Italian, says I.L., it is not old-fashioned Fascist rhetoric; it is the opinion of an honest anti-Fascist who has every sympathy with Yugoslavia and cannot be described as an exponent of nationalism.

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MOMENTO

1. The recent discovery of the Fascist gang is more serious

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than one would realize at first, writes Tommaso Smith. The real danger lies in the financial interests that the gang represented, in the hosts of profiteers and thieves of the past twenty years who do not want to give up. The only means of hitting at them, as we have said many times, is confiscation.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The ultimate aim of the best representatives of the Christian Democrat party is to give a spiritual content to the Italian political life, writes Giulio Andreotti. He then explains how this program is being carried out, denying the charge made by some that the party is conservative and rightist.

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UNITA' (Communist) 172

1. Unit' is opposed to the reconstruction of the IInd International, which, says U., always opposed the unity of the working classes.

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2. Interview with Negarville, about Roatta's flight, it is probable that he was helped by an organization which is trying the protect and defend the men who are mostly responsible for Italy's defeat. Responsibility of the Govt for a situation in which Fascism is attempting to rise again.

3. Attack against Bergamini.

4. The veterans should seriously epurate their organization.

GENERAL

1. Has Roatta been arrested in Florence? Commenting on Roatta's flight, the 'Time' approves the Govt's remaining in office. The Roman population is too nervous; there is no reason whatever to doubt the good faith of the Govt. However, the last events prove how much the present Cabinet depends on Rome, and how little it can count on a strong support from the liberated provinces.

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10. In Southern Italy 30.000 Italian prisoners have been liberated — Incorporated in the Allied auxiliary service.

11. Stalin has decided to give back Transylvania to Rumania; he has decided that the new Rumanian Govt under the direction of Groza will assume responsibility for the order and peace of the country. (A.P.)

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12. More frequent tram service will begin tomorrow.

13. Statement of Roosevelt to French journalists: he has great esteem for De Gaulle; they are on very good terms.

14. The Chief of the C.V.R.A. of Northern Italy arrested by the German Police. (U.P.)

15. In consequence of the new commercial agreement drawn between the Allied Nations and Switzerland, no Germans train or trucks going to or coming from Italy will be allowed to pass through Swiss territory.

16. According to the Swiss paper "National Zeitung" it seems that the Swiss Govt has decided to throw out of the country all agents of Mussolini's Govt who are at present staying in Switzerland.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Democracy must renew its policy, its methods of fight and of action, must prepare itself seriously to conquer the enemy forces and to organize the democratic life of the Nation. No use asking for epuration unless the Govt problem is solved; and the present Govt seems to be protecting monarchy just a little too much. Italians must set aside monarchy and have a temporary Govt.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Editorial dealing with the problem of effecting a political and moral clean-up in Italy, if possible by avoiding the use of arms. Free democracy should be founded upon solid bases in the form chosen by the people themselves.

2. It is the patriotic duty of everyone who wants to save the Nation from further inflation, to support the new Loan.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Great Britain has at present in Italy, and in many European countries, a rather bad press; but though British policy is going through a kind of spell, we must not think that the old tradition is a lost; thus writes Calosso answering some rather anti-British words which appeared in the Voce Repubblicana. The new democracy based on international tendencies, which must rise now in Italy, cannot possibly exist unless it considers the Socialist party as its basic point; and the English Labour party, of which is part of the Govt, is the principle party of the "New Internationale"; and this fact proves, ends Calosso, that the majority of the British is not anti-Italian.

2. "The Voice in the storm"; Goebbels received a delegation of European workers, to whom he said that the Reich is today the only place in the whole of Europe where order is still represented; that the Germans want a strong Socialist Europe in which all the people may be free. "The day when our "foreign guests" will leave us, they will not do it with hatred, but as friend", he said.

3. Enrico Ferracini writes on the creation of the "First Internationale".

4. There is a feeling of discontent among the Guardie di Finanza, because they are considered as Police as far as pay and food is concerned, and as soldiers as far as their duties are concerned.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO

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1. Great Britain has at present in Italy, and in many European countries, a rather bad press; but though British policy is going through a kind of spell, we must not think that the old tradition is a lost; thus writes Calosso answering some rather anti-British words which appeared in the Voce Repubblicana. The new democracy based on international tendencies, which must rise now in Italy, cannot possibly exist unless it considers the Socialist party as its basic point; and the English Labour party, of which is part of the Govt, is the principle party of the "New Internationale"; and this fact proves, ends Calosso, that the majority of the British is not anti-Italian.

2. "The Voice in the storm"; Goebbels received a delegation of European workers, to whom he said that the Reich is today the only place in the whole of Europe where order is still represented; that the Germans want a strong Socialist Europe in which all the people may be free. "The day when our "foreign guests" will leave us, they will not do it with hatred, but as friend", he said.

3. Enrico Ferracini writes on the creation of the "First Internationale".

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2. Italo-Canadian associations ask the Canadian Govt to re-establish diplomatic relations with Italy. (U.P.)

GLOBO (Economic)

1. When, in a few months, Northern Italy is liberated we shall then know how we stand. How much cattle will the Germans leave

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before going ? In what conditions shall we find our electric plants and our industrial works ? Shall we be in a position to reconstruct our Country? But however sad and tragic the material moral and economic situation, one thing we can count on; we shall find in the North a great number of technicians and specialised workers, and the most fertile land of the whole of Italy, worked by peasants who know how to get about to obtain the maximum production, so necessary at present. With the liberation of the North we shall, furthermore, be in contact with two friendly Nations, France and Switzerland. S. can give us industrial products and reproduction cattle; in exchange we can offer Switzerland access to the sea. France is in need of workers, whom we could provide; and she will certainly find something useful to us to give us in exchange. We shall reconstruct together as good neighbours, lending each other, through the "partition wall" the tools we need.

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1. Today's trials remind one very much of the trials held twenty years ago by Fascists. It is not justice which is sought but revenge and judges are just as responsible for Fascism as the defendants. This succession of hate and revenge will never lead Italian people towards a normal life. (Roberto Lucifero)

2. Bergamini continues debate with Unità.

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3. In a few days about 300.000 Romans will be able to buy food at the "Provvida", as the High Commissioner for food has decided that the P. will not only provide food to railway employees, but to all State employees.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. From the Roatta trial we have learned that it is absolutely necessary that such trials should be carried on more speedily, and that those under trial must be treated more severely.

2. Article expressing pleasure for the Pope's declarations, and suggesting that he should be called "The Syndicalist Pope".

3. It seems, according to ANSA, that the Allies will provide a certain amount of paper for Italian school books.

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2. Pope's speech defined "an essential document from which socially-minded Catholics should draw inspiration and guidance for their faith and work".

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. asks the Communist Party if it is aware of all the riots and disturbances caused by Communists in many Southern Italy centres;

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gives list of misdeeds.

2. Beginning with the next scholastic year skipping of grades will be allowed.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. The task of the Food Sub-Commission, interview with Col. Legg. The Food Sub-Commission was faced with the huge task of feeding millions of Italians in a country where there were neither foodstuffs stocks nor transport. On March 1st, the High Commissariat for Alimentation took over the responsibility for the control, distribution and rationing of the food supplies in the territory which is under the jurisdiction of the Italian Govt. The Food Sub-Commission is still indirectly responsible for the request for the importation of foodstuffs depend from it. Basis ration in a city with a population of over 50.000 inhabitants: bread 200 gr. daily, 'pasta' 550 gr. weekly, sugar 125 gr. monthly, oil and fat 200 gr. monthly, meat 200 gr. monthly. The rations for the hospitals are more abundant. Egg powder will soon be an important part of the supplies.

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2. The world must no longer be dominated by Fascist violence, by the egoism of the old reactionary classes, by those who pretend to make a policy and are really playing a double game.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Commenting on the Roatta Jacomoni trial, R. says that it proves the imperfection of the law for sanctions against fascism. The law did not always successfully conciliate strictly legal criteria with political criteria. Yesterday's trial also grouped too many people and too many charges, which always makes it more difficult to examine the charges (Umberto Micali)

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4. Avanti disapproves of Beniamino Gigli's return to the scenes of the Opera; the singer would have done much better, says the paper, to remain silent. That of being able to keep silent, is also a difficult art, and Gigli, being an artist, ought to know it.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Resolutions taken by the National Council of the Christian Democrats regarding the principles and aims of a new social order which the party considers necessary for the salvation of Italy and of the world. This new order should be based on the recognition of the essential value and equal rights of all men, on human and Christian solidarity between peoples and individuals, and on the intervention of public force, both for the protection of the individual and to ensure harmony among society.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Protests of Unità against to liberals statement that popular masses are illegal and against their attack on the advanced democratic parties, especially the Communist party.

2. Anti-Communism and Fascism are one and the same word.

GENERAL

1. The Chief of the Press Office of the Presidency of the Council made the following statement. the Govt deems it necessary to enforce the regulations concerning socially dangerous elements which will be sent to an agricultural colony or a labor camp for a period of time varying from one to 10 years. The Prefects will have to report on the action taken by the provincial commissions which will examine the activity of those who had charges of special importance during the Fascist period. The Govt issued orders that those who had political charges in the fascist party must now be eliminated from public charges, no matter to what party they now belong.

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10. The vice-President of the Association of the relatives of the Fosse Ardeatine martyrs, objects to the Rome Mayor holding a speech at the celebration which will take place on the 24th of March.

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11. Tarchiani's message: he found sympathy for Italy in all the different American milieux, and a great trust in the rehabilitation of her democratic life, as well as admiration for her contribution to the war effort.

12. Ambassador Cerrandini will not have full diplomatic acknowledgement till after the S. Francisco Conference and perhaps not till a regular peace treaty has been signed by Italy and England.

13. Most of the Italians who are in Albania are in very bad physical conditions and are longing to go back to Italy, stated General Piccini.

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2. Napoleon gave himself up to the English having faith in their clemency; now Maurice Chevalier is trying to get over to England. May be that when the war is over, both Hitler and Mussolini will ask England to set them up in some green peaceful island, far from the world, where they will not be able to do any harm; should such a thing happen they would certainly end by fighting each other. This would be the most just punishment for the two criminals, says Faggio.

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3. The Turkish press has attacked Italy saying that after all Fascism began before Nazism did, and that Mussolini taught Hitler to have territorial ambitions and that Italy, which might quite easily have kept out of the war, chose instead what she thought was the right moment to stab France in the back and so be among the victorious countries. We don't find that Turkey is in a position to give such criticism, says L.S., for has she or not chosen the right moment to join the war and so assure herself a place at the peace table ?

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recognising that she had friends in Spain; the paper says that all the Spanish intellectual and working classes have always been favourable to the Allies, while the priests and the capitalists have been favourable to the Axis.

5. Paolo Treves says that though he has looked for them he has not been able to find even one Fascist since he came to Rome. As if Fascism had lasted only twenty days and not twenty years. Epuration, he ends, must be carried out more thoroughly.

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2. Babeuf takes exception to Radio Moscow's interpretation of the present Italian situation and indeed to the Moscow version of the Risorgimento. Garibaldi was not swept aside by the King; indeed he became a general in the regular army and died enjoying

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a rather large pension... As for the present; what are we to do, says Babeuf, between the Anglo-Americans who measure their aid to us because they are afraid we may not keep law and order and the Soviets who let it be understood that they are displeased with the slowness of our "progressive democratic" (i.e. communist) action ?

3. Who's a Fascist ? Either one who held office under the regime before 25 July 1943 or "socially dangerous agents" as stated in the famous article 8. I.N. thinks the latter interpretation is the correct one and labels Fascist such people as the demonstrators at the Quirinale. It is against such as these that the Govt should proceed vigorously, in the opinion of I.N.

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2. Indignat denial that the Vatican might be harbouring war criminals.

3. How dare Turkey presume to enter into the question of Italy's (former) colonies after sitting quietly on the fence all these years while Italy was fighting ?

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The leading article is wild against Communism; the Communists' violence is very much like the Fascist violence. Why don't they at least try to answer and explain their behaviour ?

2. When will war end ? Lorenzo Barbaro tries to guess; he thinks Germany cannot possibly last much longer.

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UNITA' (Communist)

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2. According to Il Guastatore, all the 'Polish Government of Poland' does is well done.

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3. Polemics with 'Ricostruzione'. It is not true that all the men and all the parties that participate in the Govt are equally responsible for Roatta's flight.

GENERAL

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been greatly satisfied by the transfer to the Italian Govt of many of the attributions of the Allied Commission. He also stated that Austria would be placed under the control of an Allied council with its seat in Vienna which will function in the same way as the Control Commission foreseen for Germany. Important personalities of the Congress expressed the opinion that Italy will be admitted to participate in the new organization for the world's safety; they refused to express their opinion as to whether Italy would become one of the United Nations. (U.P.)

15. Statement of the British War Minister: the final liberation of Italy has been delayed by the fact that part of the troops were taken away to prepare the landings in Normandy and in the South of France. Italy thus paid the price of the landing in the West, and she will get the full benefit of her sacrifice on the day that Germany will collapse.

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20. It seems that the possibility of creating "international colonies" will be discussed at the San Francisco Conference; such colonies would be under international administration.

21. The American formula for the treatment of Germany includes the immediate transfer to France and Russia of all oil refineries and all machinery stolen by the Germans. Besides, all the plants for war production which might be turned into plants for civilian production will be transferred to the countries which suffered because of German occupation. Other war plants will be demolished and the raw materials exported to the liberated countries to reconstruct their economy. All German industries transferred to other countries and all those left in Germany will work for the reconstruction of the countries devastated by German invasion only.

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2. L.S. insinuates that Roatta was indeed arrested in Florence as originally reported in its columns some time ago.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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1. Polemics with Unità: Q. asked the communist not to identify 'totalitarily' anti-Communism with Fascism. Unità prefers not to

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understand for the opinion expressed yesterday was that of many foreign and Italian papers. The Communist party has been accused of using Fascist methods in some well defined cases, etc.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. The problem of youth; special camps and technical camps should be created to house the little outlaws and teach them how to make a decent living.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.N.

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2. Nenni spoke from Radio Paris to the Italians living in France, saying that soon what he called "the North wind" will blow over the whole of Italy, carrying away what still remains of Fascism, and throwing down institutions and interests and men compromised by the dictatorship and by Fascist wars. The main

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characteristic of the New Italy's policy will be a complete break with the past; economy destroyed by war will be rebuilt on a new five-year plan; justice of to-morrow's Italy will be based on complete equality of duties, sacrifices and rights for all Italians.

3. No agreement has been reached between Bankers and employees on increase of salaries to the latter; commenting on the fact Avanti says that, as usual, bankers continue to distinguish themselves as fierce opponents of the working classes. In this case, as in many others, menace to order and reconstruction and increased war effort, come from the top and not from the bottom.

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5. Cattle patrimony in liberated Italy reduced of 33 %. Details given.

6. Shortage of wool.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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1. Meeting of the Direzione of the Action Party over the past

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three days has resulted in the following resolutions: The Party finds nine months of experience have shown the government lacking in "animating energy" and incapable of keeping its action on a "unitarian, democratic" line; holds the Bonomi government responsible for having failed to create the right conditions for renewal of democracy among the Italian people; believes that the institutional truce agreed upon in June 44 has not been respected and foresees the need for a new formula. The Party further urges the prompt convocation of a Consultiva and the recognition of regional, provincial and communal C.L.N.s as "instruments of expression of local political life and renovation of the cadres of central and subordinate administrative machinery". The party believes the country must be prepared psychologically and materially for repatriation of prisoners and asks the government to increase the war effort. The party is concerned about the danger of inflation and feels that the government should coordinate its plans to fight this danger. In the field of epuration more vigor is recommended. But the party feels that sanctions are not enough, for the Govt should be on its guard too against new currents of reaction and neo-Fascism. It must be the governments task to create enthusiasm for democracy and prepare the right atmosphere for the Constituente which will decide the future of Italy.

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2. So the epurators are paid, says I.N. This may explain the frequent postponements in epurative processes. In any case it is a situation that does not give forth a fragrant oder, is comment.

3. Pictures of the Quirinale demonstration show clearly - at least to the satisfaction of I.N. - that the one victime was blown up by his own bomb. AVANTI and ITALIA LIBERA, says Babeuf, should have their noses rubbed in this unpleasant truth as one does with erring puppies...

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4. Appeal for books for soldiers. Italian soldiers are in a miserable state; unlike the Allies' they find no facilities for entertainment, food etc.. The least we can do is send them books, says I.N.

5. DeLiguoro still in I.N.A. What is Gronchi waiting for ?

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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2. S. XX surveys the American plan for the reorganization of trade after the war. The long term Anglo-American agreements on the so-called 'Lend Lease' basis from the day the hostilities are over means that the Washington program has already a program for the expansion of international trade. American industry will have to be based on foreign trade if the United States is to realize the economic ideal of the total employment of working forces.

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1. Bonomi, Ruini and other Italian authorities inaugurated the first houses of the new Cassino. Representatives of the Allied Commission and of the British, American, French and Russian embassies attended the ceremony. Twenty-six new houses handed over to Cassino families.

2. The Pontine Marshes have been almost completely drained. Loans and an important quantity of machinery directly imported by the Allies enable the agriculturists to proceed with their work.

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3. The artisan associations will have to produce lists of their members, otherwise it will not be possible to distribute the raw materials which they need.

4. Tram service to function till 19 hours, but from next Monday on, no 'camionette' for the circulation passes have not yet been granted.

5. The secretary of the Liberal party denounces acts of violence committed by Communists.

6. There seems to have been an attempt to kill Sforza; two unknown armed men discovered in his garden; a car was waiting for them round the corner.

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15. Transocean denies the news that Germany had asked to surrender.

16. Statement of Grew: to the Parliamentary Sub-Commission for Credits : a) greatest possible support to the Army Forces in the conduct of international relations to hasten victory. b) efficacious action to prevent Germany and Japan to rebuild their power for a war of aggression after the victory of the United Nations. c) institution without delay of an organization of the United Nations capable of building and maintaining peace for future generations. d) great expansion of foreign trade and of the world production so that there will be no unemployment in the States, and the America together with the United Nations may go towards a period of ever increasing production and requirements to raise the standard of living. e) stimulate international living conditions helping the development of democratic institutions. (Reuter)

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Churchill's speech given almost in full, followed by favourable comment.

2. N.G. suggests ways of improving the distribution of fish in Rome. The P.d.F. approves and adds that more discipline in fishing and in distributing is necessary.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Epicarmo Corbino writes on the difficulty that Europe will have in obtaining loans from other continents, after the war. People, he says, will have to accustom themselves to a lower standard of living and to go back to good old time economy; and it is not going to be easy; and it will not be easy because the majority thinks that as soon as the war is over, everything will be alright again.

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6. On a book about telephones in America, dedicated to Costanzo Ciano and given to Admiral Pession. The book is by Mario Fano. And who is Fano - why he is Undersecretary for Poste e Telegrafi, says the writer, adding that it is hardly surprising since the same system of dictatorship and favoritism still reigns in Fano's department - in the best traditions of people like Ciano and Pession. (letter signed "un funzionario").

7. In spite of recent increases in pay soldiers have a miserable pittance for supporting their families, says I.L., citing the case of a sergeant who gets 510 lire a month for support of wife, child and mother.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Those faced with the problem of deciding whether the Austrians are as responsible as the Germans for the great calamity which has befallen the whole world, should keep in mind the history of Austria and of the Anschluss, says Franco Marrano. The events of March 1938 were due to the peace agreements which destroyed not only the political structure of Austria, but also her already undermined economic structure. Franco Marrano continues reviewing the past history of the Austrian Empire.

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2. Nothing has been done, writes Il Momento commenting on the results of the investigation on the Roatta's flight.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The new State loan is expected to raise about 10 milliard lire. It is not the numerical and material significance that counts, however, as much as the psychological importance and moral value it will have. This loan should have the support of all right-thinking people as a gesture of moral solidarity in defence of the nation.

2. Grandi as the "fedelissimo" collaborator of Mussolini in the Duce's latest book.

3. At yesterday's Council of Ministers various measures were decided for official recognition of officer grades for partisan leaders. This may appear as a very daring move on the part of the government, writes the POPOLO, but we believe the tragic experiences of partisan warfare may be worth more than an easy-going and often too "civilianised" army career.

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1. Leone Cattani writes that in spite of the polelics going on among the various political parties, he believes that a common ground still exists on which Italy's democratic forces can meet in mutual understanding.

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5. For the first time since the liberation, 2.600 tons of pyrites have been shipped from Italy to Sardinia.

6. S.XX comments on an article in the 'Fortnightly' on the Italian situation. The reconstruction of Italy must take place on a European, not only on an Italian plan. For geographical, political and other reasons, it is Great Britain's interest that Italy should be a free and sound country.

7. Improvement in the railway service.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article of Aldo Airoldi on the II International.

2. Commenting on the attitude of the parties during the last few days, Tempo writes that the liberals feel inferior to no one in their wish to destroy Fascism, but they cannot admit that the Communists should proclaim themselves masters of anti-Fascism. The Liberals fight for liberty, the Communists for the dictatorship of the proletariat. The Action party accuses Bonomi of being incapable of creating the conditions for the democratic rehabilitation of the country.

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5. The legal price of gold has been fixed at 112,50 lire per gram.

6. P.A.I. will be incorporated in the Public Safety.

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7. Italy can produce penicillin.

8. At the thirty second meeting of the Advisory Council, Admiral Stone made a declaration on the last political events in liberated Italy.

9. Mole stated he had made no statement whatever on matters of public order.

10. Rostte and his wife denounced to the War Tribunal.

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22. Something mysterious must have happened in the High Command of the Western front. Von Rundstedt disappeared from the Western front; it is supposed he may have had an 'accident' because he disagreed with the Nazi leaders.

23. At the beginning of March, German representatives contacted the British representatives in Stockholm to negotiate peace. All information was immediately communicated to the United States and U.S.S.R. The well informed milieux in London considered this was but an attempt to bring discord among the Allies, and therefore disregards the offers. (Reuter)

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34. Some German plants in Rhineland are working again.

35. Baruch to go to London and Moscow to discuss post-war economic problems with Churchill and Stalin. Baruch asks for the military occupation of Germany, the destruction of her war industries, and making her incapable of exporting her products on the world markets.

36. The British Minister for Reconstruction reported that

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Parliament will soon be asked to approve the draft of a law raising from 75 to 200 million the total yearly export guarantee.

37. Stettinius rejected the protests made by the Polish Govt in London for not having been invited to the S. Francisco Conference, and expressed the hope that the new Polish Govt might be constituted in time to send a delegation to the conference. (I.N.S.)

38. Roosevelt's speech in favour of the Red Cross which is trying to collect 200 million $. (U.S.I.S.)

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to be done with them.

4. Why does A.T.A.C. stop the Montesacro trolleybus at S. Agnese? Is it only to oblige the public to pay 3 more lire to get to the centre ?

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Article on state ownership of electric industry; the author seems favorably disposed to the idea.

2. The Pope and Peace. Survey of the activities of recent popes in the cause of peace and better international organization. Pius XII is quoted at length. The writer (I.C.) implies that the Pope cannot reasonably be excluded from international discussions on the subject.

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2. Avanti approves of increase of cost of newspapers and says that as every copy cost more than the price at which it was sold, the greater the sale of the paper and the greater was the deficit of the firm.

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3. Too many people think that with the fall of the Fascist regime, Fascism has died; they have burned their black shirts, they have thrown away their "distintivi", and this should be enough, according to them, to prove the death, the disappearance of Fascism, writes Paolo Treves; he then compares the moral destruction of Italy to the destruction of Cassino. But Cassino, before being rebuilt is being cleared of mines and rubble and destruction; in the same way Italy should be cleared of all dirtiness.

4. The political problems in Paris are similar to our own; there is a crisis in the State, there is a crisis in the Govt; there is an epuration problem, there is even a press problem, similar to ours. But all these problems are faced much more seriously; newspapers are abolished, printing offices are requisitioned, collaborationists are rapidly tried and condemned, while here... Well, don't let us speak about it.

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1. I.L. comments favorably on report of Quintieri-Mattioli mission.

2. The Direzione of the Action Party supports Regional Labor Offices, provided they are free of bureaucratic rigidity and directed by representatives of the working classes.

3. Letter from Sforza saying it was by his own wish that his body guard was reduced from three to one policeman. 149

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Another article on the advisability of going cautiously in the matter of allowing workers to sit on the governing board of industrial plants. Among other objections, Selvaggi points out the functioning of a great industry is not only important to management and workers, but also to the consumer. Innovation therefore, in the national interest, should be carefully studied. Selvaggi implies that Piccardi has been precipitate in the matter. (See I.N. in Digest for 16 March)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The aim of the Christian Democrat party, as it appears from reading the recent resolution of its National Council, is to create a new order where the rights of mankind are to be respected under all their aspects.

2. Il Popolo gives a long and detailed account of the incidents occured at Caulonia in Calabria, disapproving of all those who, with the excuse of anti-Fascism, are leading the Country towards anarchy.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Thomas Mann debates on democracy and Fascism and bourgeoisie.

2. Reproduces the account of the riots at Caulonia as given by yesterday's Unità which shows what the "new democratic and progressive methods" practiced in the provinces are. As the account is given by the Unità - which the paper of the Communist party at present at the Govt - we should like to know what the Ministry of the Interiors intends doing about the matter.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Agrarian rent contracts must be re-examined, writes Fulvio Maccia.

2. Italy can and must rehabilitate her film production. (Guido Luzzatto)

3. S.XX communicates that 5 miliard have been recuperated from the Fascists in Rome and in the Rome province.

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16. A thousand kilos of oil and two hundred kilos of corn flour requisitioned at Ponte Mammolo.

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17. Is the ex Fascist Minister Riccardi hiding in Rome ?

18. According to INS Mussolini is trying to persuade Hitler to make a separate peace with Russia.

19. 33 newspapermen of the staff of 'La Stampa' have been arrested by the Fascist police. (I.N.S.)

20. Clothing and blankets for 125 million people collected by U.N.R.R.A. in the States.

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30. Drieux La Rochelle, director of the "Nouvelle Revue Française" killed himself because accused of collaborationism. (Reuter)

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31. Polish organizations in ~~Brasil all for~~ Polish Govt in London.

32. Serbians of America have asked Roosevelt to send an Allied Mission to Yugoslavia because they say that the "present regime there is not democratic and does not represent the will of the people, as it came to power through terror and usurpation".

33. The Brasilian Govt denies that General Carboni took shelter in Brasil. (U.P.)

34. Has a warrant been issued against Grandi?

35. Benes in Moscow. (Reuter)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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2. It is time to find out who is responsible for the present state of the food situation in Rome. Oranges, wine, etc. appear on the black market but are never seen on the "white" one. Since January 1st, three rations of meat only have been distributed; the amount of beans, potatoes and oil which was handed out is not worth mentioning.

3. The Allied soldiers of today may be the tourists of tomorrow. Why not make some touristic propaganda and wake up their interests in the sights of Italy.

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2. Having visited a "concentration and instruction" military camp, Zatterin finds that a little more discipline would do no harm.

3. Michelangelo said that sculpture is the art of taking away

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the superfluous from the stone leaving only the statue. Subalpino says that the construction of Socialism is the same thing; its an art, to do away with useless words and phrases and concentrate on the mere facts.

4. If Roatta really has managed to get to Lisbon, this means that he has been helped by important personalities. One can bribe a prison or a hospital guard, but it is not quite so easy to get as far as Lisbon, nowadays, unless one is helped by high ranking people.

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2. Survey of the disorganized and vacillating behaviour of some Italian divisional commanders in the Balkans at the time of the Armistice. All honour to the Garibaldi division - but others did not act so well. (Beltrame)

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Scrutator chides the Communists for their statement that Communism is the first enemy of Fascism and the only anti-Fascism is Communism. Among other things he reminds that British conservatives were fighting Fascism at a time when leading Communist apologists were saying there was nothing to choose between the two warring parties. The Communists have sometimes been right and some times wrong, like any other party, says Scrutator, it would be only fair for them to admit it.

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MOMENTO

1. Misunderstanding or confusion ? asks Public considering the ever changing attitude of the Allies in Italy towards Italy.

2. Gen. Carboni, one of the commanders responsible for the surrender of Rome to the Germans, has published a memorandum. The part which refers to Roatta's attitude in this occasion is reprinted by "Il Momento".

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3. Il Momento objects strongly to the order of the day sent by the "temporary" advisory board of the Press Federation to the Prime Minister. The order of the day asks for more power given to the National Commission for the Press. Real newspapermen want just the reverse, comments Il M. What they want is: a) unlimited freedom of press with preventive censorship only in military matters; b) authorization for new publication as soon as more newsprint is available; c) any reduction in newsprint to be proportionally distributed among all newspapers; d) punishment of any "reato" committed by the press by the ordinary magistrates. And last but not least that epuration of journalists be speeded up.

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3. Italian shipowners want to buy a hundred Liberty ships from the United States. 50 would be employed for civilian supplies, and 50 left for free market.

4. The epuration of the schools in liberated Italy is almost complete.

5. Vehicles must not be allowed to circulate empty; they should be made to transport goods.

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published and would have considerably aggravated Jacomoni's situation. The High Commissariat has insufficient means of investigation. The citizens and the parties ought to collaborate in the destruction of Fascism.

20. It is rumoured that Spain will declare war on Japan because of the atrocities committed by the Japs against Spanish citizens.

21. According to news received from Stockholm Hitler is preparing a memorandum to present to the Allies; it seems that he does not consider himself a war criminal but that he is ready to hand over his collaborators Himmler, Goering and Goebbels. (I.N.S.)

22. According to Reuter the German radio has given the news that German officers and soldiers are being shot for cowardice.

23. Will the Germans make peace proposals to the Russians ? The German leaders are attempting to save Nazism from complete destruction.

24. Will the Germans attempt to make peace proposals through the Vatican ?

25. In Poland, military and civilian losses amount to 10 million people.

26. The Plans for the celebration of V. Day are ready.

27. Mrs. Churchill accepted the invitation of the Soviet Govt to visit Russia. (Reuter)

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2. According to information gathered from ORBIS it is clear that after the war there will abundance of everything, in the whole world; follow details.

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3. 5 million rubles have been collected in Russia to help Warsaw to live again. (Polpress)

4. The words with which Churchill praised Eden, at the House of Commons last week, seem to imply that the British Premier thinks of Eden as his successor.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. The Pope's speech given in full.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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is in dissolution and and that all efforts to join together the remaining forces are useless; Bonomi says that even the parties outside the Govt should collaborate with it, if they care for the reconstruction of Italy; he is right when he says so, but on the other hand, why does he then do all he can to humiliate the C.L.N.? Methods must be changed. The Govt and the people must work together; only thus will it be possible to solve the problems of food, of epuration and of public order. (P. Nenni)

2. Against Tupini who seems to be hindering the procedure of epuration, according to his methods Fascist criminals should be judged by other Fascists. His present "capo di cabinetto" is one Russo; the High Commissioner for Epuration had begun to act against him; his private secretary had been indicated for epuration by the A.C. Is the Popolo satisfied? asks Avanti.

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4. Our financial policy must be simple and honest, says Brosio. The success of the "Fund of National Solidarity" depends on the organisation of the offices and on the sense of duty of the subscribers.

5. The American Treasury has decided that, notwithstanding the "Trading with the Enemy Act", all financial, commercial and

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business matters may start again between the States and liberated Italy. So Italian banks can open their American branches.

6. Telephone rates will soon be increased, but the numbers of calls will also be increased just a little.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Largely because the memory of the German experience is so fresh in our minds, writes Mercurio, we are inclined to think of inflation as a thing which can be cured by currency measures. Actually the situation in Italy to-day is comparable to that of a beleaguered city; Italians are not producing anything and not importing anything. And inevitably every purchase is made at auction, as it were. In such a situation salary increases are no remdy but merely produce a secondary inflation. The only remedy is rationing. The writer will discuss rationing in another article.

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3. Salaries of bank employees have been increased at last; details and percentages given.

4. Disapproval of increase of telephone rates.

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1. Commenting on the law on Fascist profits, Arturo Orvieto writes that the State must beware of adding the inconveniences of a revolutionary system to those of a legal system. The fact that for Nazi-Fascists, confiscation was an instrument of reprisals against those who opposed them ought to make a democratic Govt. reflect. Should the law be enforced, in many cases, the children of the culprit would see all their patrimony confiscated, including the part of it which was lawfully acquired or inherited. As the High Court considers that a plain Lieutenant of Carabineers is guilty. this anathema on his children seems rather exaggerated. The profiteers must be made to give back what they have earned unlawfully, but nothing more.

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2. Saragat appointed Ambassador in Paris.

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3. All papers complain about the bad bread and ask that bakers should be forced to use the flour that is allotted to them, and punished if they do not.

4. The University students of Naples say that Prof. Omodeo got his post because recommended by Gentile; they ask the Minister of Public Instruction to investigate.

5. Salvarezza's trial will take place on April 16th.

6. The Allied Commission reports that during the month of February, the construction of 287 bridges was begun. A great many roads were also repaired and electric power plants rehabilitated. The Public Work and Utilities Sub-Commission also reconstructed a great many public works.

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League of Nations which would be able to maintain peace and promote universal progress.

19. Asked why the clauses of the armistice with Italy were not published, Roosevelt told the Press Conference they had better apply to the State Department for information. To this the journalists answered the State Department had already sent them to the War Department which had in its turn sent them to the White House. (I.N.S.)

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28. Laughlin reports that the fact that coal supplies can no longer get to North Italy through Switzerland is a great blow for the military situation in North Italy. The Swiss Govt, showed great good will and blocked German property in Switzerland. (I.N.S.)

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29. Various English papers stressed the fact that even if Spain declared war on Germany, this would not give her any right to go to S. Francisco.

30. Great importance is given to the speech that Eden will make tomorrow in Glasgow. He will analyse some of the present problems, among which the S. Francisco Conference.

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3. Drivers who use too strong lights should be punished; they cause many accidents; we ask the Sindaco to issue some decree to prevent this habit.

4. The first new Italian film was finished the other day. It is called "La resa di Titì".

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - N.N.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Q. publishes an appeal of the English representatives of several Christian Churches: The United Nations are carrying out terrorist bombardments; it is really fantastic that the nations which profess the highest humanitarian and Christian principles should be responsible for this policy. Numberless innocent people are dying because of these bombardments. Why not observe the rules of international law ? (The Tablet February 17th)

2. The owners of gardens ask to be allowed to sell their vegetables on the district markets at the prices of the general markets increased by 10 %. When they take their products to the general markets, the wholesale dealers decide whether to buy them or not according to the profit they expect to make. Part of the time, the gardeners have to take their vegetable back home. Both producers and consumers are cheated.

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2. Commenting on the nomination of a new Commission charged to investigate the responsibilities of Roatta's flight, V.R. says that the present Govt will pass to history as the Govt of the Commissions.

3. Lengthy article by Francesco Gencarelli on how the Ministry of Agriculture should work.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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of partisans who are grouped around the C.L.N. with the political life of the whole country. We shall also have a special commission charged with ascertaining all crimes committed by the Germans in Italy. (Claudio Matteini)

GLOBO (Economic)

1. The problem of hotels must be kept in mind when planning reconstruction; follow figures on damaged hotels, etc.

2. According to the Washington Post, America will send to Italy and to Germany "labour Attaches" whose duty it will be to study the living and hygienic conditions of these countries. These functionaries will be able to render valuable services to the working masses of the liberated territories.

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2. Reproduction of an article by Antonini, transmitted by the International News Service; Antonini criticises Ignazio Silone who, after having written books against Communism, is now a fierce enemy of whoever dares speak against Togliatti.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Oreste Lizzadri writes bitterly on the governments failure to carry out its promise to go after big black market operators. All we have had, he says, is raids on the street vendors. No

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attempt to go after the profiteers behind them. This may be all very well for a little publicity but it does not go to the root of the matter. Either the government is in bad faith - which would be an ugly thing - or it is really unable to do any better in which case God help us. If the situation is not cleared up the people may take the law into their own hands. And this is not a threat, says Lizzadri, but a prediction.

2. Epurative parody. It is reported that the property of a squadrista in Rieti has been confiscated and the squadrista himself made receiver. This is an enormity but it is merely a striking example of what is happening in matter of epuration and confiscation. The Govt promises action then turns over the performance to the bureaucracy which is impotent and nothing happens. The working classes, concludes Il Lavoro, cannot see this sort of thing go on much longer.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. disapproves of the silence maintained by the Govt as regards the situation in Reggio province.

2. Lorenzo Barbaro tells of the partisans' situation in North Italy where, in some districts, they are more powerful than the Germans.

3. Men and women over 19 years of age are entitled to a nation of 100 grs of snuff tobacco.

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SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Long article on the action taken by the Allied Nations to prevent the Axis from making use of the $ they got hold of in occupied countries.

2. The U.S. Lines and the Dollar Lines will again have representatives in Rome.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Tempo's inquiry about the Calabria incidents, which are closely connected with the Calabrian 'ndrina'. (Sort of Mafia)

2. Everything gets stolen in Rome nowadays, even the busts of famous men in the Pincio.

3. More protests about the bad quality of bread.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Commenting on the food situation, Unità says the Govt takes no efficacious action to control prices. As long as the prices keep on rising, the masses will suffer.

2. It seems Tarchiani said Mussolini and Hitler ought to be put in a lunatic asylum. He should remember that the Italian nation wants war criminals to be executed. An Italian representative should remember that there is a law condemning to death all those who were responsible for the March on Rome.

3. Il Guatatore attacks Franco's policy, protests because nothing has been done against the profiteers of the regime, and because some Roman newspapers still employ journalists who worked with the Germans.

GENERAL

1. Council of Ministers :
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3. More protests about the bad quality of bread.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Commenting on the food situation, Unità says the Govt takes no efficacious action to control prices. As long as the prices keep on rising, the masses will suffer.

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7. Minister Cevolotto stated that telephone rates are to be raised of 50 % plus 2 lire for every extra telephone call.

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22. According to news published in various newspapers, the British Labour Party will send a mission to Italy as soon as the whole of the country is liberated. This mission will study the needs of the working masses and will help the Italian Govt to satisfy them.

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35. "S.O.R.T.A.", a kind of Scotland Yard at the service of the United Nations, will be composed of experienced people from all countries and will have to discover war criminals, specially German ones. The motto of the S.O.R.T.A. is "we shall go on until we find the last war criminal". (A.P.)

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2. Rome and her surroundings are swarming with real gangsters and no real action is being taken against them. The road and country

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police should be more numerous. How can farmers be asked to work if their life is in danger when they leave their house? (Tr.)

3. Polemics with il Guastatore (Unità) about the Congress of the Labour Democrat Party.

4. R. complains about the food situation; the provinces still forbid to export products which they have in abundance. There should be one direction only for all the services of the Annona.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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1. The penal code is the code of criminals, while the code of penal procedure is the code of gentlemen, according to E. Ferri. This definition takes us back to the demo-liberal conception of safeguard of all citizens, which Fascism had abolished. So writes P. in an article on revision of penal codes.

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2. Allied Police raided Tordinona yesterday and requisitioned quantities of Allied food and cigarettes.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Fascism was the synthesis of a collective phenomenon of cowardice and individual egotism, says Epicarmo Corbino writing on the necessity of speeding up the confiscation by the State of all Fascist illegal profits.

2. By the above the State ought to make a profit of approximately 300 or 500 billions.

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2. The High Commissioner for sanctions against Fascism denounced a long time ago to the Military Tribunal many of those who, during the German occupation, condemned patriots to death; why are these criminals not executed ? asks Il Lavoro.

MOMENTO

1. Will Italy have civil war ? asks Il Momento. Italy's national life obviously needs thorough going alterations, but this does not necessarily imply civil war. Once the war is over, it will be easy for the popular masses to impose legally their will. Reactionary forces are more easily fought in this way than with guns and machineguns.

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2. Article of Corrado Manca on brigandage in Calabria.

3. Life in North Italy: the C.L.N. representing Italy Govt are opposing Fascism and Nazism. The economic situation is getting more serious everyday. Industry and agriculture habe been badly

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30. Numberless victims during the last air raids on Berlin. Terrible situation of the town. (A.P.)

31. It seems that Hitler is getting married. (U.P.) 129

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32. Is Kesselring going to be called away from Italy and sent to the Western front ? (U.P.)

33. Baruch in London; he favours strict control of Germany, the destruction of her heavy industry and a very long occupation.

34. Sweden will not give shelter to war criminals. (Reuter)

35. Appeal of the Pretender to the throne of Spain to the Spanish people. He asked Franco to resign as his regime is incompatible with the present conditions of the world.

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1. The Govt takes insufficient action for the reconstruction of damaged buildings. If this goes on the lodgings crisis will get worse and worse. Nothing is done to repair what houses there are left. (Mario Tomasini)

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) 128

1. No hereditary right, only elective right, writes V.R., no

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monarchy but a republic.

2. Gaetano Salciarini cannot understand how anybody can be monarchist. Casa Savoia is responsible for all evils that befall Italy.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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our country should in itself provide a solution of this problem which is more a political and social one than an economic one: reconstruction, reconstruction in all fields. Initiative, study, courage, experience, are enough to start with; the rest will follow.

2. Between 6 and 8 hundred billion lire would be necessary to reactivate the Italian industrial plants destroyed or damaged by war. Long detailed technical article.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - N.N.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) :

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friction between the Liberal and Socialist parties.

2. Four kings, one queen and one grand-duchess in exile in England - the chances of their regaining their respective thrones discussed.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

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7. The Agro Romano will produce this year only two thirds of what it produced last year. This for lack of chemical manure, machinery, workers and transport.

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8. Seventeen Senators and 2 General epurated.

9. 80.000 qls potatoes are rotting in Avezzano, for as the Annona was going to buy them it was said that they were to be used as seeds in Abruzzo. Neither Annona nor the farmers of Abruzzo got anything.

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sudden illness, announced the Fascist radio.

26. A memo was handed to all the Allied Ambassadors in Paris in which the French Govt proposes some changes to the plan for world safety to be discussed at the San Francisco Conference. London believes this memo will cause discussions, and American circles are rather apprehensive about the French attitude. The Russian attack on France has been very much commented upon. (Reuter)

27. Elections in Great Britain will be held in October; a conservative victory is foreseen. (I.N.S.)

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38. France and the Allies disagree about the Indochina campaign. (A.P.)

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39. Kesselring takes command on the Western front in place of von Rundstedt. It must be remembered that Kesselring refused to express his loyalty to Hitler after last month's plot. Will he try to obtain what the German generals consider to be an honorable surrender ? (Sidi Radio)

40. A document fallen into Allied hands proves the great amount of corruption existing in Germany. (I.N.S.)

41. Only immediate surrender could save Germany from starving in 1946; German supplies are almost null and the agricultural situation is very critical. (U.P.)

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Fascism, militarism - all different aspects of the same thing. The participation of the House of Savoy in the ceremony is intolerable, he adds.

2. Prominence given to the account of the episode in which the widow of one of the victims berated the Luogotenente during the mass said for the "martyrs".

3. Admiration expressed for Corrado Alvaro who resigned rather than be identified with a radio not truly free.

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2. Transport of goods costs from a minimum of double to a maximum of ten times the rate fixed by CNAC. Detailed article.

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3. A plan ought to be drafted for export of silk, as Italy should reconquer her place in the world silk market.

4. Italian industries of salt fish in Spain have offered to send to Italy between 500 and one thousand tons of salt anchovies. It seems that Spain will not put any veto on this export and will not - for the moment - ask for any exchange in money or goods, but we shall have to provide the transport.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. The people are hungry. This is one thing that the government and the wealthier classes should not forget. The spectacle of well-filled theatres and cinemas and the knowledge that many people are living by liberal spending in the black market (which the workers cannot afford) are gradually exasperating the poor working classes which up to now have borne their trials with rare patience. (Lizzadri)

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2. The Fascist demonstrations of 23 March (circulation of leaflets and setting up picture of Mussolini on Via Nazionale) are indeed trivial, says Il Lavoro, but not so trivial as to be passed over in silence. This kind of histrionic publicity is one of the arms of Fascism and should be suppressed.

MOMENTO

1. Cost of living is increasing at a terrific rate. Workers representatives and the Industrialists Union met yesterday in order to discuss the problem. But in fact the question is out of their competence. It is up to the Govt and particularly to competent Ministers, to find a solution to it.

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the other hand, Russia is convinced that the Anglo-Saxons cannot do without her help. If Moscow gets uncompromising as in the Polish and Yugoslav questions, the Foreign Office and the State Department will try in vain to play the part of mediators.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Responsibility of the German people. Everything must be done to destroy the roots of Nazism.

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12. 25 thousand pieces of clothing and 27 thousand blankets collected in Rome were distributed by U.N.D.S.I. to the population of the Abruzzo.

13. Italian Consulates in America to be reopened shortly. (U.P.)

14. According to "France Soir" the Germans seem to have used gas against Italian patriots in Val Biandino. (U.P.)

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15. Radio Paris announces that, according to the Yugoslav agency "Tanjug", the Italian Govt has recognised the Albanian State and expressed its hope that diplomatic relations will soon begin.

16. Morgenthau and the Govt disagree with the American bankers about the Bretton Woods plans: the bankers have approved the Institution of an International Bank, but they disapprove of the institution of an international fund for the stabilization of currencies, and to which the United States were to give a contribution of 8 million $. The bankers say this figure is too small for the tasks of the fund would be enormous. Morgenthau and Roosevelt foresee financial chaos if the Bretton Woods plans do not materialize.

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with the same intensity as the war in Europe is a strategical error but understandable from the U.S. point of view. Up to now America's help has been vital to the United Nations but with the shift of the war to the East he believes America will be more dependent of her Allies. He is not pleased with the policy of "zones of influence" and combined "Allied-indigenous government" which has dominated this phase of the war. He wishes Italy could be represented at S. Francisco.

2. Protest of the Republican party of Livorno because AMG has requisitioned party Hq. V.R. sympathizes.

3. V.R. deplores royalist formula used by Tarchiani in presenting credentials.

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by working for its own interests.

2. The American Chamber of Commerce declared itself in favour of American participation in the International Bank planned at Bretton Woods, but said that no final decision should be taken as yet. (A.P.)

3. Enzo Storeno, Food vice-Commissioner, answered Col. Stevens on the radio, by saying that evidently Italians are more afraid than Britishers are, of starving, because their rations are already much smaller and should they be still diminished, not many people might remain to listen to the wireless. But all the same, he added, he would be grateful to Col. Stevens if he would try to teach Italians that with self-discipline and faith things would probably go much better.

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2. Azzetta thinks the language of both Alvaro and Treves is intemperate - however on the question under discussion whether the radio should be really free or an arm of the government he agrees with Alvaro. Such, says Azzetta, was the original idea when the "notorious Sottosegretariato per le Informazioni and the no less notorious direzione generale della stampa" intervened. Such intervention is justified by the conservatives under the slogan of "continuity" but it is becoming clear that "continuity" often means continuity of Fascism.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Is China a Big Power? Undoubtedly; but is its importance, in the world, as great as that of the United States, of England and of Russia? This we doubt; we rather think its importance can be compared with that of France. C.S. Lin goes on examining why, and since when, China has been considered a great Power, and ends by saying that it is useful for tomorrow's peace, that China be asked to participate, together with the U.S., Great Britain and Russia, in the governing of Japan, just as France will participate in the control over Germany.

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2. All industry in Northern Italy is paralysed through lack of coal.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

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SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. The Commissioner obviously expected it was enough to change E.I.A.R. into R.A.I.; however, nothing was done to change either the mentality or the methods. It must be remembered that R.A.I. belongs almost entirely to the Società Idroelettrica Piemonte, which appointed a Commissioner for S.I.P. activities in liberated Italy. A board of directors for R.A.I. is going to be appointed and there are of course numerous candidates. Coundn't all these experiments be discussed criticized, and sometimes rejected instead of being enforced on the nation. This whole question concerns Italian public opinion.

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3. Long article by Belfagor arguing that the anti-communist democrat is opening the door to Fascism, for democracy can only be based on the forces of the working classes, and Communism and working classes are now linked together.

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GENERAL

1. First U.N.R.R.A. relief, consisting of 5.000 tons of goods arrived to Italy.

2. Statement of Zaniboni on the repatriation of refugees. Repatriation was delayed by winter; it must now be hastened.

3. A.C. communicates that the Foggia Province is no longer a forbidden zone.

4. Today or tomorrow official news will be given of the transfer of the Viterbo Province and of Umbria to Italian Administration.

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15. The National solidarity Fund has been established; it will be employed for relieving the population and rebuilding the devastated areas. All Italian citizens will contribute.

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16. Death of Lloyd George. (Reuter)

17. The State Department communicated that the San Francisco Conference will probably be called 'United Nations Conference for International Organization'. (U.S.I.S.)

18. It is rumoured that Molotof will not go to San Francisco, and that Gromyko had been appointed to go there this caused great disappointment in the States for all the other great powers will be represented by their Ministers of Foreign Affairs. (I.N.S.)

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3. Fruit and vegetables produced in the Agro Romano ought to be sold in the district markets.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Democracy is an end, not a means, writes Giorgio Peneoltea;

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there is no democracy without respect of the law, which must be the expression of the assent of the majority, and respected till it has not been legally altered.

2. R. protests against the 'ammassi' which are the chief cause of black market: the prices paid to the producer mean a certain loss to him, so that he tries to sell all he can on the black market. The population does not get its rations and has to pay fabulous prices for the things it is really entitled to.

3. Something must be done to protect Italy's artistic patrimony. S.S. comments on Grisolia's motion but does not agree with the idea of an administrative director general, for it is almost impossible to find someone who will be an archeologue, an architect, an art historian and at the same time, a perfect administrator.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. The Govt must be given full authority if we want it to solve the difficult problems awaiting it with the liberation of the whole of Italy. Italy must not count too much on Allied help for her resurrection; she must remember - many Italians seem to have forgotten it already - that for three years she fought against the Allies; so our rebirth depends on our own strength, and who first thing we must do is to carry out epuration thoroughly. (Arrigo Jacchia)

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Assemblea consultiva. Noting that the decree to set it up is in preparation, I.N. observes that the formation of such a body

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1. Giorgio Granata writes on the tendency of the moment to hold the bourgeoisie responsible for all the misfortunes which have befallen the world. This tendency is specially noticeable in France and in Italy but it is not right to believe that only one class is responsible. As defeat and resistance have been collective, says G.G., so all classes must be held responsible for the present state of affairs.

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2. Unita' blames the Trieste problem of Fascism and on the King, and thinks that the demonstrations for an Italian Trieste are sheer provocations.

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GENERAL

1. The C.G.I.L. has asked the Rome Communal authorities to allow the workers to participate in the administration of the A.S.u.

2. The chief of the Press Office of the Presidency of the Council, declare that Italian diplomats will leave for South America shortly. The Peruvian ambassador to Italy has arrived.

3. The Allied Commission and the Italian Government drafted a first aid program for Italian economy; the program is divided in two parts: Category A includes all the objects which are classified as military requirements and which are supplied to relieve a state of destitution which might prejudice military operations. The cost is covered by the British and American Govts. - Category B includes first aid for the Italian reconstruction and for the whole of the economic activity of basic industries, transport, electric power, agriculture, and a certain amount of goods. The cost of the program of category B will be met by the Italian Govt with the credit of 100.000.000 $ supplied by the United States, the exceeding sums will be guaranteed through financial agreements with Great Britain. An Italian technical mission will go to Washington to discuss the details of the program. General MacKinley, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Merritt will also go to Washington.

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14. Lehman, head of U.N.R.R.A. asks the American population to do its best to help the starving and miserable populations of liberated Europe. Luis Vial appointed U.N.R.R.A. delegate for the collecting of foodstuffs and clothing for the European populations in Ecuador, Venezuela, Panama, Costarica and Columbia. (I.N.S.)

15. It seems that the Nazi leaders are in favour of a political capitulation, in the hope of being able to negotiate peace.

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16. Germans fighting on the Italian front do not know that Kesselring has been transferred. (I.N.S.)

17. It is hoped that the German Govt will proclaim Vienna an open city. (I.N.S.)

18. Collapse of the Mark.

19. A million Germans have taken refuge in Denmark. (I.N.S.)

20. Too many "invalides" leave Austria for Switzerland; too many Nazi leaders, with false medical certificates, leave the country.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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MOMENTO

1. Comparison between the American viewpoint that the importance

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of the individual is superior to that of the State, and the Fascist idea that the personal ego should be suppressed for the greater glory of the fatherland. Although the American view is possibly lacking in glamour, writes Gibr., it must be confessed that it is fundamentally sound when translated into the realm of the battle-ground. Here, in contrast to the Italians, who had been taught to hurl themselves stupidly to a sure, if glorious death, the American and Allied soldiers, who at heart remain undisciplined civilians, are nevertheless winning, if they have not already won, the greatest war in history?

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GENERAL

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14. Roosevelt asked all his ministers and diplomatic representatives abroad not to leave their seats because of the possibility of immediate victory? All high ranking official

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Personalities have been summoned back to Washington giving up all plans for participating in the San Francisco Conference. All the members of the War office will have to stay in London or within a short distance of L. to be able to come back to the capital when the Reich collapses. (I.N.S.)

15. There will be no more official communique' of the Allied Command operations in Germany. (I.N.S.)

16. Hitler and Mussolini and Himmler expected in Tokio? The Japs are not overjoyed. (A.P.)

17. The German Govt has officially left Berlin. (Reuter)

18. Will Graziani substitute Kesselring on the Italian front ? (U.P.)

19. Switzerland is strengthening her frontiers. (Reuter)

20. The Zurich stock Exchange no longer quotes the Mark.

21. Dr. Schnurre, Ribbentrop's agent reached Stockholm to make last effort at negotiating peace. (I.N.S.)

22. British man-of-war 'royal Sovereign handed over to Russia with a few submarines and destroyers, in accordance with the Lend and Lease Law. The Americans gave Russia the cruiser 'Milwaukee'? (Reuter)

23. New York to send to Europe 22 million kgs of clothing, blankets, etc.

24. Karoly, ex president of the Council in Hungary invited to return to Budapest?

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.N.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The clear vision of the Italian political panorame is often dimmed by the mist rising from Rome, which is a muddy and putrefying swamp. Debates, polemics, seem to be the only things we are of, says G.C. It is now time to stop talking and to begin acting.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. We never doubted the bravery or the gallantry of the British, who in 1940 showed the whole world what a Nation is capable of, nor of the Russians, who after Stalingrad renewed the miracle of 1812 and changed their endless plains into a cemetery for the invators. But we had doubted the value of the American soldiers who, even after Pearl Harbour, did not really have to defend their country against any invasion, says Saragat. But the Rhein offensive has filled us with wonder; we do not know whether to admire more the powerful equipment of the army, or the high precision of the organisation or the genius of the leaders or the courage of the troops.

2. Deliberations of the Socialist Party on the composition and duties and rights of the Consulta, given in full.

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1. British public opinion is gradually evolving, and gradually getting more favourable towards Italy; but this does not mean that we must expect any immediate proof of this, writes Il Globo; we shall have to wait till the whole of our country is liberated.

2. The I.C.E. (Istituto Commercio Estero) is so far the only institution through which all Italian experts are allowed to pass. Also those materials which the Allies give the Italian Govt will have to pass through the I.C.E.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. I.L. finds the Consulta as proposed by the Govt completely unsatisfactory. Not separate groups of technicians are needed - to be summoned or ignored as the Govt wishes - but a political body with the right of deliberation and advice on political matters. The present plan has a "corporative" appearance, in the opinion of I.L.

2. Question of Colonies to be discussed at San Francisco, writes Niger. It is reported that America is trying to have Colonies internationalised. Britain and France are said to be against this idea but Russia is reported sympathetic.

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1. Guido Gonella once more refutes the theory of UNITA' that anti-Communism is identical with Fascism. The attitudes of Great Britain, America and Switzerland quoted as examples.

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2. Don Amato, priest of Caulonia, died a martyr's death at the hands of the Communists.

3. Also hospital workers should benefit from wage increases.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. There are many chances that Tito may reach Trieste before the Anglo-American troops fighting in Italy do. And this would be a very bad thing, not only for the population of the territory - we must not forget the old bitterness existing between Italians and Slavs - but also for the Allies. It is doubtful, on the other hand, if the Big Three will ever decide to make of Trieste a second Danzig; the memory of the first Danzig is still too bitter for everybody.

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3. The children of the Opera Maternita' e Infanzia have no food. Why not give them the foodstuffs which were sequestered on the black market ?

GENERAL

1. The Press Office of the Presidency of the Council states that all the particulars which have lately been published about the structure of the Consulta Nazionale must be considered as proposals and elements of discussion.

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2. The C.G.I.L. refuses to accept parity conditions with owners and employers in the participation in the Consulta.

3. C.G.I.L. asks to be consulted about the formation of the Assemblea Consultiva.

4. Memorandum of the Confederazione Generale Italiana degli Agricoltori; expressing their readiness to co-operate in the reconstruction of the country and stressing the fact that the tax on war profits must be an extraordinary tax, destined to strike the profits of an exceptional character, realized through particular conditions caused by war. This tax cannot be a general tax and must only affect the persons or organizations who could make exceptionally high profits because of the war.

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17. The cessation of the hostilities will be announced either by King George or by Churchill. Should Germany surrender during the Easter holidays which are beginning today, the British Parliament will be summoned. Asked whether Hitler is to be taken dead or alive, Eden answered that he left that to the judgement of the British soldier who would first see him. (I.N.S.)

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18. Stimson stated that Eisenhower is to announce the cessation of hostilities. Major Gen. Clay has been appointed deputy of Eisenhower to assume the direction of civil affairs when the supreme commander will assume the control foreseen by the agreements for the occupation of Germany.

19. The appointment of Gromyko as Soviet representative to S. Francisco instead of Molotof caused great disappointment, for the Russian delegate will not have the authority of a minister of Foreign Affairs and will have to refer to Moscow for every subject. The White House is supporting Russia's request for three votes in the assembly of the United Nations instead of one as all the other United Nations. The United States will also ask three votes if the Russian request is approved.

20. Financial agreements made in Bretton Woods to be submitted to the Congress. It is thought that the proposal for the institution of an International Bank will be almost unanimously approved, but that the second proposal for the institution of an International Fund for the stabilization of the currency will probably be rejected. (I.N.S.)

21. Premature armistice rumours in the States. (I.N.S.)

22. London expects German resistance to end by Easter.

23. It is rumoured that German civilians have offered poisoned food to Allied troops.

24. 17 Gauleiters have abandoned their posts. (I.N.S.)

25. Cruiser 'Gneisenau' blown up the Germans. (I.N.S.)

26. Argentine arrests the interned sailors of the 'Graf Spee'.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. The approach of the "great hour" finds all those people capable of thinking also of the future more apprehensive than happy, more thoughful than optimistic, says Giovanni Mariotti)

2. Not only swallows return with Spring, but also flies; we realize that it is difficutl to carry out efficiently a real fight

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against these insects, because of shortage, or rather lack, of the necessary chemical products; but at least the garbage collectors should do their job more thoroughly.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Agriculture is in very bad conditions because of the war. Is it advisable to drain new areas ? Casini, President of the "Societa Bonifiche Sarde" suggests rehabilitating the works which had been damaged by war and the efficiency of which is necessary to rural activity, and recuperating the drained areas which have been devastated. The immediate program should not include any new work. (C. Petrocchi)

2. T. del P. approves of giving large representation to the new democratic forces in the Consulta, but there are also many personalities, well known from the political point of view, who should be included. The assembly must include people of widely different opinions.

3. Nowadays, all those who are making money invest it in real estate. Houses and flats are being bought at fabulous prices. More and more tenants are being turned out. The Commission of the personnel of the hospitals protests against this state of things.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The war is coming to an end,writes Randolfo Pacciardi, and Italy will know the conditions the King and Badoglio agreed to after 'ignominiously abandoning her', and also the conditions agreed to by the representatives of the six parties. Italy is the only one among the defeated countries not to know what she pledged herself to do.

2. The Consulta may be an assembly of people of great value, but they will be incompetent to deal with real problems; the Consulta will be a bad copy of the old Camera dei Deputati; it will once more give the example of party rivalry. It would have been much better to create regional Assemblies. (G. Conti)

3. Interview with Marchesi on epuration, monarchy and republic.

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to rural activity, and recuperating the drained areas which have been devastated. The immediate program should not include any new work. (C. Petrocchi)

2. P. del P. approves of giving large representation to the new democratic forces in the Consulta, but there are also many personalities, well known from the political point of view, who should be included. The assembly must include people of widely different opinions.

3. Nowadays, all those who are making money invest it in real estate. Houses and flats are being bought at fabulous prices. More and more tenants are being turned out. The Commission of the personnel of the hospitals protests against this state of things.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The war is coming to an end, writes Randolfo Pacciardi, and Italy will know the conditions the King and Badoglio agreed to after 'ignominiously abandoning her', and also the conditions agreed to by the representatives of the six parties. Italy is the only one among the defeated countries not to know what she pledged herself to do.

2. The Consulta may be an assembly of people of great value, but they will be incompetent to deal with real problems; the Consulta will be a bad copy of the old Camera dei Deputati; it will once more give the example of party rivalry. It would have been much better to create regional Assemblies. (G. Conti)

3. Interview with Marchesi on epuration, monarchy and republic.

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2. Four months are evidently not sufficient to publish a decree! The Govt had decided to increase old age and invalids'

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pensions but the decree has not yet been published.

3. Children you should think about your studies and let your fathers work, says the Avanti criticizing the students' manifestation of a few days ago.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. In order to speed up our rebirth we must first of all think about our merchant fleet. Only with ships shall we be able to bring to Italy the help that the Allies, and chiefly America, are willing to give us; we must therefore show them our good will and begin immediately working, as hard as it is possible in the present conditions, towards the reconstruction of our docks and shipyards etc.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Lucifero complains that nothing - or at least very little - has been done to extirpate Fascism from the habits, minds and behaviour of Italian politicians.

2. If socialisation of industries means taking away industries from their present owners to hand them over to the workers, we don't see what the country has to gain by this, says G.S. continuing debate on admittance of workers in administration of firms.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. It seems that the Govt's pass-word is "live from day to day", writes Creste Lizzadri. The C.G.I.L. had made many suggestions months and months ago; they lie on some table, in the Viminale, covered with dust; nobody even looks at them.

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5. Situation of the tinned fruit and vegetables industry in liberated Italy.

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TEMPO (Independent)

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2. Another article on the Calabria incidents.

UNITA' (Communist)

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9. The April number of "United Nations" will publish an interview with Tarchiani in which the Italian Ambassador, having expressed his gratitude for the friendly greetings he received on his arrival in the United States, says that all prejudices still

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existing against Italy's democratic rebirth should end. The desire of many of the Italian prisoners to go back to war is comprehensible, but the solution of their problem will require some time. Parchiani ends by praising the work done by the UNRRA. (I.N.S.)

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