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2. The Consulta will be a cumbersome and illusionary temporary institution, says V.R. Regional Assemblies should

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have been created in its place; the regional parties, through their most eminent members, should work for the creation of such Assemblies. (G.P.)

3. Has anybody remembered to wish a Happy Easter to Justice, asks t.v?

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The only hope of saving plants and works of northern Italy lies in the popular and partisan forces; every day that passes renders more bitter the memory of the 8th of Sept when we still had an army in good fighting form but useless leaders, if not traitors. Italy is now bleeding from this wound as well as from the wounds inflicted on her by twenty years of Fascism, says Nenni.

2. Now that the end of the war is in sight, we might ask ourselves when war did actually begin. We would not be far from the truth if we said that war began thirty years ago. Many people nowadays say that it is a sign of bad taste to mention Fascism; yes, it would be useful and comforting not to speak any more about it as if we were all cured from it; but we are not, says Paolo Treves, and that is exactly why the Allies have not full faith in us yet. Epuration, in all fields and in our own minds is necessary if we do not want to lose peace as we have already lost war.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. "We shall not be able to build a pacific world unless it is economically healthy" are Roosevelt's words on which R.S. comments and approves.

2. The credit of the C.G.I.L. could amount to 400 million lire after complete liquidation of the four Fascist workers' federations.

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3. In northern Italy prices are relatively low, but salaries are mockingly low, so that only those who sell themselves to the enemy can make ends meet.

4. Increasing rents of shops would mean an increase in the prices of products.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. I.. is rather bitter because Italy is not invited to the San Francis Conference, and praises Croce's declaration of yesterday.

2. The Yugoslav and the Italian nations have many common interests, have had the same enemies and the same friends for many years; Italy is a source of culture for the Yugoslavs, and Yugoslavia is for Italy the main road of communication with the Slav world. But there is one sore point; the mixed population of the Venezia Giulia. The Yugoslavs must consider, says Salvatorelli, that taking away Trieste from the Italians might have the same results as dividing Alsace-Lorraine from France had. On the other hand not all those Italians who now show "Trieste is Italian" have the right to do so.

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2. About seventy "Badoglio" have been rounded up by the police yesterday.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Christian Association of Italian Labourers has set up a Board of social welfare for workers. This Board will have, besides its headquarters, various provincial branches for technical

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purposes, and "segretariati del popolo" as local organs.

2. Luigi Perla, after a detailed examination of the new decree on rents, concludes by saying that, in his opinion, the decree will not work out as desirable.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The details we gave the other day on the terrifying situation in Caulonia were confirmed by yesterday's Tempo. We know that the Prefect has been called to Rome to "report" on the events; is he still reporting? Why is his report surrounded by so much secrecy? Is it possible that bandits are allowed to go about, armed even with heavy arms, and that nobody is trying to put an end to this criminal state of affairs?

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2. Among the documents found at the Unione Proletaria during the Salvarezza inquest, there is one addressed to "the Command of the British service" in Rome, evidently written before the formation of the first Bonomi Govt, in which Salvarezza proposes a ministerial combination in which he himself would be Minister of the Interior.

3. Togliatti, Brosio, De Gasperi and Cevolotto met yesterday to study the problem of the R.A.I.

4. The Allied Command allows a partial lighting of Roman streets.

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5. 6.000 tons of sugar to be produced in Romagna.

6. Italcable resumes its activity.

7. Cost of the repairs of the S. Lorenzo Basilica figured out to be 24 million 500 thousand lire.

8. If night transport is abolished typographers might go on strike.

9. By the 30th of April everybody will have to be inoculated; 80% of the meat sold on the black market is infected.

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23. It seems that the German High Command asked for Hitler's resignation (Reuter).

24. Has Goering committed suicide?

25. Russia acknowledged the annexion of Danzig by Poland.

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2. Account of UNRRA contract and proposed activities. (Osservatore)

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni writes on Saragat and on his new post which he will occupy very shortly, and on the necessity of friendly relations between France and Italy, by these friendly relations the problem of reconstruction in both countries will be much more easily solved, as Italy has abundance of workers, while France has many raw materials which might be useful for us.

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2. Account of political differences among Italians in POW camps in India.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Giorgio Cimbotti does not believe that Europe would have been able to face one more winter of war; the European economic condition is almost hopeless, and we cannot expect America to go on

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leading Europe for much longer. The writer suggests that private initiative be allowed to work without any controlled plan, so that every producer will try very hard to produce as much as possible. Europe, he says, has to face a new period of pioneers, and must act accordingly and allow these pioneers all freedom.

2. Sicilian weekly and monthly papers have interrupted their publication for lack of paper.

L'ORO (C.G.I.L.)

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2. Preparations for the San Francisco Conference are not going as smoothly as they might. Disturbing factors are the secret agreement between Stalin and Roosevelt, U.S. support of Russia's demand for three votes, the Polish question, and Australia's

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desire to have a separate vote.

3. Eve of issue appeal to support the State Saving Bonds in order to safeguard one's patrimony.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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of the citizens who could fulfill important charges in the provinces have been collected.

3. Progressive taxes of inheritances. (Inse)

4. Admiral Stone and Col. Poletti received by Bonomi.

5. Tomorrow in the Campidoglio the Communal authorities will present, in the name of the Roman population, a homage to Col. Poletti who is leaving his post of Regional Commissioner.

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17. Hitler figures first on list of war criminals said the Allied Commission for war crimes. (I.N.S.)

18. Thousand of German refugees reach Sweden and Denmark. (TASS)

19. Order of the day of Gen. Keitel threatening with reprisals the families of the German soldiers who surrender to the Allies (I.N.S.)

20. It seems that the Wehrmacht sent an ultimatum to Hitler

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asking for his resignation within 48 hours; should he refuse, the army will no longer resist. (I.N.S.)

21. Formation of groups of 'War-wolves' in Germany to murder Allied soldiers.

22. Baruch received by King George.

23. Baruch to come to Rome to study post-war credits. (I.N.S.)

24. 'New York Journal of Commerce' stated that chemical industry would easily be adapted to peace time production. (U.S.I.S.)

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The reactionary clandestine resistance which the Nazi are preparing in Germany and which will probably go on for a long time

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after the war is over, can only be fought by European unity based on the partisan and working youth, says Calosso.

2. Mino Caudana writes on the first Allied administrations in southern Italy in the summer of 1943, the C.I.C. (Counter Intelligence Corps) and the O.T.I.A. (Occupied Enemy Territory Administration) which are really responsible for the presence, among local "pezzi grossi" of many ex fascists who should have been epurated.

3. Avanti hopes that the end of the war, in northern Italy, will be due to the partisans army rather than to the Allied troops; the partisans deserve to be the liberators of the north.

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1. We have waited long enough for the Consulta, says Lucifero; let us hope that at least this organism will be formed in a way as to be able to really do something useful for the country, especially as concerns policy. The Govt should be an emanation of the Assemblies and not the Assemblies a creation of the Govt. By the way, goes the writer, we should like the improvised legislators to keep in mind that the syndical organisations are not all non-political as they claim to be.

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2. Luigi Barzini in Libera Stampa, says that through destruction of war we have found four treasures: i.e. christian moral, law, truth and freedom; evidently, says Babeuf, we are not intelligent enough to understand him; we cannot bring ourselves to thank war for all the destruction it has caused, even if we may have gained something very abstract by it.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. The food Cooperatives are a defence of the level of living of workers, says Aladino Bibolotti.

2. Il Lavoro praises the Sindaco of Sparanise who has created a "Consiglio del Popolo" to which he submits of the problems of the life of the people. The Sindaco of Montelanico instead, though calling himself a democrat, is instead a man who tries very hard to go back to Fascist administration.

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2. Plight of the homeless and prentless children of Italy.

3. Lizzadri of "LAVORO" is criticised for his "arbitrary and impertinent" sayings against the Liberals.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Foreign trade must be facilitated, writes F. Cremona. To unify customs duties, goods should be grouped in principal or basic 'positions'.

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2. Situation of the building industry.

3. The Prefects and Provincial Authorities have been asked not to oppose the exportation of regional products; there is no reason why the provinces should have such an easy time when life is so difficult in big towns.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The Trieste problem includes ethnical and economic questions as well as political ones. For Italy it is not a matter of polemics but of technical arguments. The Trieste question will only be solved by honesty, technical competence and social solidarity. (Franco Pinzi)

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3. Amon Taylor, Head of the Foreign Trade Section of the Commerce Department, stated that he hoped Italy and the other liberated countries would soon be included in the import and export systems which has lately been inaugurated between America and France.

4. C.P. Taft, Assistant to the Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated that the renewal of the commerce treaties was an essential part of the economic program without which the new world organization would start its career with a serious handicap. (U.S.I.S.)

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5. The periphery of Rome will also be lighted in a few days if it is possible to stop people from stealing the electric bulbs.

6. Statement of Lord Vansittart: the end of Germany has come; her industry must be taken from her intelligently otherwise the Yalta agreements are void of meaning. (Reuter)

7. It seems that General Cadorna is commanding the partisans of the North. (U.P.)

8. The representative of the Negus in S. Francisco is supposed to have stated that the Negus would ask for Italian Eritrea to be annexed to Ethiopia. (Radio Paris)

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EPOCA - Not available.

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3. A unit of Roman partisans is leaving for the front.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. It is not the Republican Party that has tried to make the Army a political instrument, says Pacciardi, but the Monarchists. They have insisted on all kinds of efforts - marcia reale, formula of oath etc. - to make the army represent the dynasty rather than

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the nation. The discharge of General Azzi at the request of a man like Infante is an example of the lengths to which the monarchy will go. Now we read that Cadorna is the leader of the partisans in the North. This is merely another effort on the part of the monarchy to claim credit for the partisan struggle. We know the leaders of the North, says Pacciardi, simple men without epaulets or ribbons but men who have fought hard and tenaciously for their country. The time is coming when we can state their names openly. Meanwhile all honor to Cadorna who is doing his duty but let us not be deceived by this latest stratagem of the monarchy to capitalise on patriotism of the partisans. This is simply sacrilege.

2. G.C. comments on the national loan. It should be supported, whatever we may think of the Bonomi Govt.

3. Interview with Guido De Ruggiero who declares himself strongly anti-monarchist. He is quoted as saying that even if the Republic is "a leap into the unknown" it cannot be worse than the monarchy. He is indignant at the attempt to hold a plebiscite on the institutional question rather than putting it up to the Costituente. This project is particularly shocking coming from parties which had accepted the Costituente principle. (G.C.)

4. Article on need of controlling the various markets from point of view of hygiene.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Pietro Battara suggests that propaganda for the loan be made specially in the provincial centres where hoarding of currency is more widely practiced. All those people who "collect" currency should realize, he says, that they are working against their own interest and that it would be much better for their country and themselves, if they invested all their liquid funds in "Buoni del Tesoro".

2. Ten days have passed since, on the 28th of March, the Govt decided to constitute the Consulta; nothing has been done as yet, says the Avanti; does not the Govt realize that the worse service it can render the Country is this continuos practise of saying and not saying, of deciding and not carrying out, of decreeing and contradicting decrees ? A Govt which does not lead is not a Govt.

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2. G.C. comments on the national loan. It should be supported, whatever we may think of the Bonomi Govt.

3. Interview with Guido De Ruggiero who declares himself strongly anti-monarchist. He is quoted as saying that even if the Republic is "a leap into the unknown" it cannot be worse than the monarchy. He is indignant at the attempt to hold a plebiscite on the institutional question rather than putting it up to the Costituente. This project is particularly shocking coming from parties which had accepted the Costituente principle. (G.C.)

4. Article on need of controlling the various markets from point of view of hygiene.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Pietro Battara suggests that propaganda for the loan be made specially in the provincial centres where hoarding of currency is more widely practiced. All those people who "collect" currency should realize, he says, that they are working against their own interest and that it would be much better for their country and themselves, if they invested all their liquid funds in "Buoni del Tesoro".

2. Ten days have passed since, on the 28th of March, the Govt decided to constitute the Consulta; nothing has been done as yet, says the Avanti; does not the Govt realize that the worse service it can render the Country is this continuos practise of saying and not saying, of deciding and not carrying out, of decreeing and contradicting decrees ? A Govt which does not lead is not a Govt.

3. The last census for national reconstruction carried out by the Central Statistics' Institute shows that in 38 provinces of liberated Italy the death rates are increasing while the birth rates are diminishing.

4. Only in work will the "sciuscia" find redemption, says the Avanti.

5. In February the Govt had decreed an increase in the pensions for the old and the sick, but "more solito", nothing has been done as yet. Does the Govt want these people to die of starvation ?

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. No use speaking of democracy unless every citizen has the right to criticize; but to do this, every one must be informed of what the Govt does, decides, suggests, of the results of censuses, of the statistics of all activity in the country, says R.S.

2. The A.C. announced yesterday that 350 million lire have been spent so far in Tuscany, for removal of rubble and reconstruction, which is done under the supervision of the AMG.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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fact that we are a defeated Nation and betrays the imperialistic aims he and his people have.

2. Those pensioned off ask to be represented in the Consulta.

3. Wounded children have been gathered in a small villa near the Royal Palace, and are assisted by nuns; the article praises the generosity of the Luogotenente.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Epuration in factories. Il Lampo has reproached the workers with their unwillingness to abide by decisions of the epurating commissions. But the point is, says IL LAVORO, that the commissions are made up of one representative of the epurating committee, one official of the plant and one magistrate. The official and the magistrate always agree and the workers are dissatisfied. The official is really not competent to judge since he is invariably linked with interests that are concerned with protecting those on trial.

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SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Newspaper editors spend half their day begging paper from the Undersecretary for Press. The Italian Govt owns the Nomentana and the Foggia paper mills. The requirements of the Govt can be supplied by the Nomentana paper mill. Why should not the newspaper editors ask the Govt to rent the Foggia paper mill ? (Idilio Nova)

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2. S. M. comments on the financing of the economic rehabilitation; the Minister of Treasury said that priority must be given to the industries which are most essential because of the country's requirements. According to this criterion, it will be very difficult to proceed to an equal distribution of credit. It might have been more advisable to facilitate the purchase and distribution of the raw materials which are indispensable for the rehabilitation of industry. It would also be wise to encourage the lesser industries, which have the immediate possibility of using all the wreckage which is at present to be found in Italy. (T.L.)

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4. Many papers ask the Govt to let the people know what the trucks which have arrived from America are being used for. Why does the Govt not answer ?

5. 7000 parcels of clothing distributed by the UNRRA in Frascati.

6. The new premises of the Rome Central Post Office inaugurated today by Minister Cevcletto.

7. Another riot at Regina Coeli; 3 prisoners manage to escape; many wounded.

8. Fishmongers on strike because they are very irregularly supplied while the best fish is sold by people who have no licence.

9. The A.C. is willing to allow administrative elections to take place also in those territories under A.M.G. administration.

10. The Royal Palace in Naples has been repaired by the Allied Command.

11. 220 Italian civilians, living in German concentration camps, liberated by the advancing Russian troops.

12. Russia denounces the neutrality pact with Japan. (I.N.S.)

13. The Japanese Cabinet has resigned. (REUTER LAMPO)

14. The Swiss Govt refuses hospitality to Mussolini. (U.P.)

15. A plot against the State discovered by the Paris Police. (REUTER LAMPO)

16. It is rumoured that the German Command is negotiating with the Allies to evacuate northern Italy pacifically. (U.P.)

17. Tito and Subasic have arrived in Moscow.

18. Spain officially announced that she would go on protecting Japanese interests in U.S. (I.N.S.)

19. It is announced that Prague will be the seat of the new organisation for world security and peace.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. It is necessary to introduce new equilibrium between freedom and social justice, between political and economic democracy, if we want to rescue Italy from the confusion in which she has been thrown by Fascism, writes G. della Torre.

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2. f.g. writes on the improvements made on the original Dumbarton Oaks plans for world reconstruction and readjustment, brought about by Yalta and which will be still further improved upon by San Francisco.

3. Radio Milano regrets that Bonomi was left in peace during the whole twenty years of fascism, and seems even surprised that such a thing can have happened. As he was never molested by Fascists how could he accept the presidency of the Council? asks R. ironically.

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2. Following the comments appearing in various newspapers on the words pronounced by the Duca d'Aosta in the presence of Sylvio Spriggs, the President of the High Court of Justice has visited Bonomi, De Gasperi and De Courten asking the Govt to take those measures which it considers necessary to safeguard the honour of the High Court of Justice. General Azzi was fired for having expressed a political opinion; the Duca d'Aosta should be dismissed for having done much worse.

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3. The House of Savoy is expert in the art of losing wars; it is absurd that the Duca d'Aosta should remain admiral of the Italian navy; the navy must be democratised. (u.c.)

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Article by In Robb on what he believes the San Francisco meeting will be; it will be a gathering of Govts and an obstacle race.

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6. The CONTA (Consorzio Nazionale Esportazioni Agricole) is a cooperative institution aiming at safeguarding the interests of all Italian farmers.

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1. Gratified comment on the meeting of secretaries of the C.L.N. parties. I.L. takes pride in the fact that it has consistently urged the advisability of a meeting of the provincial CLN's - one of the points recommended in the Order of the Day.

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2. Italians urged to subscribe to bonds. Especially valuable to the country would be the purchase of bonds by those who have cash in hand; transference from savings would yield only limited results.

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1. Carlo Bini comments on the debate between Liberals and Socialists, which he calls "avances politiques".

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3. The attitude of AVANTI to the meeting of the Committees of Liberation deplored by the POPOLO.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE - N.N.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Article by Ettore Valerio on the rehabilitation of Italian arts and crafts.

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2. Relations with Sardinia: Sardinia is willing to export her cattle and agricultural products only against manufactured products. The producers accept manufactured products but no money. The Government must do something for the Sardinian population, otherwise, all traffic with the continent will be paralysed. Besides the Allied Commission is not going to allot more shipping for Sardinia if the request is not justified by traffic requirements.

DEMO (Independent)

1. A propos of the Calabria incidents, Lampo says that the so-called partisans have nothing to do with the men who fought against Fascism and are now trying to reconstruct the country. As they are armed, these men are now a danger to public order and to the democratic rehabilitation of the country, for they are likely to end by defending those who don't bring their oil to the common, or those who oppose the revision of unfair agricultural contracts.

2. Commenting on Bonomi's statement a propos of the colonies, L. says it is well that the Prime Minister emphasized the fact that Italy didn't get her colonies through Fascist imperialism, but through the action of democratic govts. To accuse Italy of nationalism because she is claiming Eritrea, Somalia and North Africa would be asking her to cancel half a century of her history, not the twenty years of Fascism. (Aladino)

3. The State ought to make an effort to develop sports in Italy: it will be the best touristic propaganda and the best way of keeping out of mischief all the children who are spending their days in the streets.

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2. Commenting on Bonomi's statement a propos of the colonies, L. says it is well that the Prime Minister emphasized the fact that Italy didn't get her colonies through Fascist imperialism, but through the action of democratic govts. To accuse Italy of nationalism because she is claiming Eritrea, Somalia and North Africa would be asking her to cancel half a century of her history, not the twenty years of Fascism. (Gladino)

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15. Tito declared yesterday that Yugoslavia will soon be entirely liberated and that the war may be over within a few days. (REUTER)

16. Japan is desperately trying to conclude a separate peace with China before the final collapse of Germany. (U.P.)

17. Radio Tokio stated that the agreement between Russia and Japan was still valid for a year, in spite of Russia's denunciation - Suzuki has not yet managed to form a new cabinet.

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18. Stettinius to preside the S. Francisco Conference.

19. It seems that Vice Commissioner for foreign affairs, Koisky, is likely to be appointed president of the Moscow Commission for Reparations, and chief of the Soviet delegation in the said Commission.

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nd his accolytes have won a great place in the hearts of all members of the Savoy family.

2. Criticism of some words by Scoccimarro in which he says some right things but seems to be afraid of using the word "Republic"; Scoccimarro should remember, writes V.R., that if we want a radical transformation of the State we must have a democratic republic; we don't believe that a collaboration between Communists and the Savoy family is the right solution to the present crisis.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Italy propaganda should realize, now that Russia has denounced the Russian-Japanese pact of non-aggression, that the Russians and the Anglo-Americans have only one final aim. (Arrigo Jacchia)

GLOBO (Economic)

1. G.S. expresses approval of the institution of the Rimini school for technical specialisation of workers; every one should study and prepare himself for the reconstruction which will begin as soon as the war is over.

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MOVIMENTO

1. Laudatory comment on the Duke of Aosta's dismissal.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Guido Gonella points out the difference between the "Consulta" and the Parliament. The first one must have only advisory functions. Such an organ is urgently needed, but at the same time one must not forget that we also need a real Parliament elected by the people.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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3. Fixed price restaurants soon to be established.

4. Prof. Caronia has been appointed Rector of the University of Rome.

5. Thirty seven journalists have been stricken from the "Albo".

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2. A propos of the Caviglia incident and of Duke of Aosta dismissal, Jer. condemns a mentality which wants to replace well thought over solutions by the use of weapons. Why replace Fascism by another form of Fascism ? The tactics of politics should be persuasive - not violent.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Comments of Umberto Micali on the denunciation of the

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agreement between Russia and Japan.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. The leading article expresses gratitude to Togliatti for having set forth very clearly the point of view of the Communist Party, instead of limiting himself to criticisms.

2. The summer is the best season for reconstruction. The problem is a serious one and it must be solved as soon as possible, says Luigi Lucera.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The democratic forces have committed a great error in consenting to join the Govt with Badoglio and the King, with Bonomi and the Prince. In his auto-criticism Togliatti recognises this error, and suggests the remedies. And he spoke of the Republican party as of one "near" the Communists, says Pacciardi. All the same we should like to know what "Civilian Regency" means; we see in this term a possible life saver for the Monarchy; and we don't think this is the Communists' idea. They would render a much greater service to anti-Fascism and to democracy if they abandoned intrigues and followed instead the path of political charity.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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by Germany and of what Germany has taken away, says Urge referring to the news of the discovery of the Gold of the Reich-Bank. Even if Italy is not invited to San Francisco, her right to war reparations remains.

GLOBO (Economic)

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. We quite realize that the Govt has a very difficult task to carry out, that discipline is not what it should be, that bad

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bureaucratic methods render everything more complicated, but all the same we wonder if the Govt is aware of many things that happen; is it aware that tons of potatoes are rotting in the Fucino, for lack of transport ? That tons of dried vegetables are being sold at extremely high black market prices and cannot therefore be bought by honest workers ? That the condition of all hospitals is tragic? And furthermore, goes on Lizzadri, the new taxes seem to hit particularly consumers who have a fixed income. Happily, he concludes, the working masses have a very strong sense of equilibrium and of responsibility; but their patience might come to an end one day.

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2. Problems connected with the adoption of a sliding scale of wages, a question which will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting of the Executive Commission of the Italian Confederation of Work.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Children in war time: an enormous number of them simply died of hunger; lots of others get T.B. or will have their health permanently ruined by under-nourishment. This without mentioning the moral damage done to them by the war. The problem of childhood will be one of the main post-war problems. (L.V.)

2. In the Latium hills, people who pretended to be 'sinistrati' were given lodgings they were not entitled to, this without inventory or official report, and now the property of the owners of the houses is rapidly disappearing, but might still be traced if the authorities took action.

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e) The party defends, with the greatest vigor, the integrity of the national territory and such possessions in Africa as were held at the end of the last war.

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9. Before leaving for Washington the Yugoslav Under-secretary to foreign affairs declared that his country intends to have a policy of peace; but Venezia Giulia, being inhabited by 700.000 Yugoslavs against 300.000 Italians, must belong to Yugoslavia.

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2. Regional assembly (Lazio - Sabina) of Labor Democrat party passes various resolutions on land problem, urging immediate rehabilitation, favouring private and collective cultivation etc.

3. The theatre is to be applauded for its energy these days, says R. But the foreign plays presented should be of more recent vintage than some we have seen.

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2. The unblocking of rents is going to be discussed at todays' Council of Ministers; Avanti does not approve of the thing; why have not yet the owners increased the salaries of the porters ?

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1. On the Consulta. Commenting on the meeting between interministerial committee and opposition representatives yesterday, I.L. says that some points of disagreement that really seem trivial are in fact symtomatic of a difference in concept of the function of the Consulta. For example, whether the body should be made up of various commissions which then come together or whether there should be first of all the nomination of the group which will then subsequently divide itself into commissions. This point of difference is linked also with the debate on the proposition (advanced by the opposition parties) as to whether or not the Consulta should have the right of auto-

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convocation. The governments attitude on both these points shows a certain fear of the Consulta. Some fear it will devote itself to tedious discussions and weary the people; others on the other hand feel the body may achieve too much respect and prestige. Both these fears, in the opinion of I.L. betray an ignorance of the parliamentary function and the true meaning of democratic government.

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3. Togliatti is wrong when he says that Italians by rising the question of Trieste, show a great lack of sense of responsibility. He insults the Italian people, by so doing, almost as much as Mussolini always insulted them.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Aladino Bibolotti writes on the partisans and the patriots and all the good work they have done.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. It is evident, writes Alberto Moravia, that Nazism is leaving a strong nationalistic feeling in each country from which it is withdrawing. Nationalism means the death of national culture. The only way for vivifying culture is by means of European cooperation and unification. A lot of words are being said about cooperation, nowadays, but unfortunely it still remains an ideal rather than a reality.

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2. It is hoped that the Costituente can be established soon as the Consulta Nazionale cannot be said to represent the true political views of the Italian people.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. is undecided whether Togliatti's speech is meant as a pledge of peace or a declaration of war, - whether it confirms or denounces the pact made by the six parties. If the former hypothesis is correct, then the whole Italian political situation is in grave danger and the other parties must re-examine the new position.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

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of repressing all forms of crime committed during this very difficult period. (GRSIG)

3. A meeting of Ministers was held this morning under the presidency of Bonomi to study the formation of the "Consulta".

4. The press office of the Presidency of the Council issued a declaration stating that the bomb which was thrown the other night in the vicinity of the Yugoslav Legation, was very probably not intended for the Legation.

5. The C.G.I.L. wished for the problem of salaries to be definitely settled.

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13. Italo-American delegation to go the White House to point out the reasons in favour of Italy's participation in S. Francisco Conference. (U.P.)

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reconstruction of Russian destroyed towns will last at least ten years. Stalin wants to assure to his country the necessary machinery.

15. An attempt was made to kill De Gaulle. (REUTER-LAMPS)

16. Fierlinger, the new chief of the Czechoslovackian Govt, declared that his political program will be based on friendship with the Soviet Union.

17. De Gaulle visits Nice and says Nizza has never forsworn France. (Reuter)

18. More fascist terrorists discovered in France. (U.P.)

19. A German officer managed to reach London; is he entrusted with more peace soundings ?

20. Thousand of Italian prisoners liberated by the Russians in Germany.

21. Statement of Stettinius: the military authorities will keep the gold and works of art found in Germany till the Allied Govt come to an agreement on this subject.

22. Many works of art by Tiziano, Botticelli, Leonardo and Duhrer, discovered in the Gothe s lt mine.

23. Crisis in Athens. Volgaris meets with great difficulties in his attempt to form a Govt. and is violently attacked by the Communists.

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unity in the Govt ? There will be no alliance until the problem of institutions and that of the social structure is solved.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Article by Gen. Azzi on the present political state of the country which he does not find reassuring. According to him the Bonomi government is a dictatorship, the government is carried on in the name of the Prince who deserted his army and by the laws of war should have been shot, the attempts at punishment of Fascists have been feeble and have accomplished little. There are signs that the people are beginning to be tired of all this, though they have been very patient. There is evidence too that the North will not tolerate these conditions. Something should be done before it is too late. A propos of the government he remarks that Allied control does indeed so limit autonomy as to make the governments role relatively unimportant; what the government should do is protest vigorously and resign if necessary.

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3. Calosso expresses satisfaction at the possibility of the "Curia" being internationalised; the Vatican problem, he points out, is an important one in Italian foreign policy, and an internationalised "Curia" would in part free Italy from the "sterilising influence of the sacristy."

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. The Govt has announced exceptional measures to be taken against criminals; we hope, says Arrigo Jacchia, that prompt action

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will immediately follow the good intentions and that an end will be put to all activity of "local and imported" criminality.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. In spite of the Fascist propaganda urging all Italians of the "invaded" territory to abstain from subscribing the Public loan, the first figures gathered in Rome and in the provinces are very satisfactory. The reason why the Fascist Govt is worried by the result of the Loan, is, writes Il Globo, because the loan represents a plebiscite.

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4. One Francesco Parenti, laborer, is dead from effects of drinking three bottles of liqueur which were forced down his throat by Allied soldiers. True, he was intending to speculate of these bottles, is the comment (very bitter and ironic) but the Allied soldiers have not been entirely guiltless in black market dealings (witness the amount of red gasoline in various cars, the number of civilian overcoats made out of blankets etc.)

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Vezio Murialdi stresses the advantages of the "scala mobile".

2. Unhappily two attempts made by the patriots to kill Spampanato and Mezzasoma have failed.

3. It is high time that retail dealers increased the salaries of their employees.

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2. In connection with the problem of the absolution of many fascist big bosses, Il Momento interviewed the President of the High Court of Justice, Maroni. According to him it is the fault of the Magistrates, who do not give a correct interpretation of the law. Of the same opinion are various other officials of the High Commissariat for the punishment of Fascist crimes.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Leader by Tupini on the necessity for all Italians to shake off their apathy and take part in the next elections. Each individual citizen should feel in his bounden duty to participate in constructing the new democratic State, but, in view of the lamentable absenteeism in past elections, this time the vote should be made obligatory for all.

2. Man in the Street asks the Editor what exactly do the Leftist parties want. First they invoked the union of the anti-fascists against Fascism, - today Nenni declares war against moderated anti-Fascism, which he calls "pre-Fascism" or "giolittism". What is the Man in the Street to believe ?

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2. In connection with the problem of the absolution of many fascist big bosses, Il Momento interviewed the President of the High Court of Justice, Maroni. According to him it is the fault of the Magistrates, who do not give a correct interpretation of the law. Of the same opinion are various other officials of the High Commissariat for the punishment of Fascist crimes.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Leader by Tupini on the necessity for all Italians to shake off their apathy and take part in the next elections. Each individual citizen should feel in his bounden duty to participate in constructing the new democratic State, but, in view of the lamentable absenteeism in past elections, this time the vote should be made obligatory for all.

2. Man in the Street asks the Editor what exactly do the Leftist parties want. First they invoked the union of the anti-fascists against Fascism, - today Nenni declares war against moderated Anti-Fascism, which he calls "pro-Fascism" or "giolittism". What is the Man in the Street to believe ?

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. What will be the attitude of our brothers in the north, asks Prasso, when the country is re-united ? The alert, active northerners, in seeking an immediate, concrete solution to the economic problems of the country, and particularly those in the north, will look to us for effective help and collaboration. What, though, will they think of the passive attitude of our present politicians to the question of the eastern frontiers, and to the threat of a new economic bureaucracy ?

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2. Problem of the millions of "freed slaves" wandering about in the chaos of liberated Germany.

3. Interview with Saragat. The renewal of Franco-Italian friendship, he said, is necessary not only for the future of the two countries, but for the future of Europe.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

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was discussed too. It was decided that the 1st of May will be considered the "feast" of all workers, to whatever category or political party they belong, who will unite under the banner of syndical unity.

2. From the 28th of February the State has recovered almost one billion lire through the High Commissariat for liquidation of fascist property.

3. The National Council of the Communist Party approved a resolution which emphasizing the gap between the Govt and the working masses, the popular discontent because of misery and bad living conditions, proposes to hasten the congress of the C.L.N. and the administrative elections and to re-organize the structure, direction and functioning of the Govt. Three commissions have been constituted: for agrarian and industrial reform, and for the new constitution of the State.

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17. Ministerial Commission examines requests of landlords and tenants.

18. Special Courts of Justice will be instituted in Northern Italy to judge collaborationists.

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19. Reforestation of Italy needs 30 million new young plants, and its advantages will only show in about 20 years.

20. Italy has a right not only to our sympathy, but also to all the help we can give her, said Fiorello La Guardia.

21. Karcantonio and La Guardia ask for Italy to be admitted to the United Nations. (U.P.)

22. "American Relief for Italy" has sent over to Italy, during the first 3 months of 1945 1 million dollars worth of food and clothing.

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30. King Leopold of Belgium has decided to abdicate as soon the war is over, and to retire to Switzerland. (U.P.)

31. The new French Ambassador to Switzerland presented his credentials.

32. French women and children who had sought refuge in Devonshire, have returned to their country.

33. Lucien Rottee, chief of the Vichy Police condemned to death.

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34. Attempt against the life of General de Lattre de Tassigny, Commander of the 1st French Army.

35. In Washington circles it is believed that an international control over the colonies and mandates of the countries which fought against the United Nations might be established.

36. Czechoslovakian representative presents credentials to Lieutenant of the Kingdom.

37. The Austrian resistance forces will form a temporary Govt.

38. France and Abyssinia have decided to re-establish diplomatic relations.

39. Thirteen million foreign workers are scattered through Germany, according to the "News Chronicle".

40. 2.000 flying bombs have been dropped on England up to now, and an average of 12 people per day have died because of them. (U.P.)

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2. The historic function of Labour-Democracy illustrated at the Sicilian Congress.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. The treaty of Rapallo, by which Trieste, Istria and Venezia Giulia were given to Italy, was not signed by Mussolini, but by Giolitti, Sforza and Bonomi; Yugoslavia had then accepted the decision, so why not stick to the same pact now ? asks Mario Donosti.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Detailed article on the first financing, by the State, of industrial works and plants. Three and a half billion lire put at the disposal of national firms.

2. The difficulty of applying the "scala mobile" lies in calculating the official index of the cost of living, says Pietro Battara commenting on the C.G.I.L.'s request for application of the "scala mobile".

3. The ammassi of oil and wheat show satisfactory results. (ANSA)

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4. Gaetano Pepe is convinced that the bad quality of the bread, in Rome, is due more to the way it is worked than to the flour used to make it. But all the same, he suggests, why not try to make bread with not so much chaff in it, even if the ration has to be diminished ?

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2. Situation of glass industry in liberated Italy.

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3. Labour has got to be specialized in accordance with the possibilities of the territory. Italy can avail herself of agriculture, trade and touristic industry which will be the main assets for national reconstruction. All social classes must co-operate. (Giuseppe Toscano)

4. The services rendered by Italy to the Allies have often been acknowledged, and yet she is still considered as a co-belligerent. Finland, Rumania, Bulgaria who fought at the side of the Germans know the clauses of their armistice, but everything is being done to humble and to discourage Italy.

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7. All form of blackout abolished in the Taranto territory.

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9. The lignite mine of Dunarobba (Terni) has begun functioning again.

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10. Great quantities of "marsala" cannot be exported from Sicily for lack of bottles.

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12. 150.000 telephone users will take action against the TTTI.

13. Courses of Italian language and culture for foreigners to start on the 16th of April.

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24. Statement of Eden: The British, American and Russian Govts are trying to establish a new temporary Govt of national union in Poland, which could be acknowledged by the great powers. The British Govt will then be represented in Poland and it will be possible to see which parties will have to participate in the elections which, obviously, can take place only a long time after

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the formation of the new Govt. Dean said he trusted that the new Greek Govt would act with impartiality during this difficult period. It is probable that the attitude of Great Britain towards Spain wouldn't change, should Spain declare war on Japan. (Reuter)

25. A twentyfive year alliance pact has been signed between Russia and Yugoslavia. (U.P.)

26. France's request to have a zone of occupation or influence in Germany partially granted by England which ceded her part of the territories allotted to her at Yalta. It is believed that the United States will make a similar concession to France. British circles believe that France will get the greater part of the Rhineland, south of Cologne as a zone of occupation.

27. Swiss legation is moving from Berlin. (Berne)

28. Moscow denied that Russia has any intention of asking, at the end of the war, for 12 million German labourers for work of reconstruction in Russia.

29. Blum, Daladier and Gamelin seem to have been transferred to Austria. (Zurich)

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the health conditions of the isle of Ceylon, where, it seems, 15.000 Italian workers are soon to go.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. The new "LUCE" has finished the first newsreel; it is a film of propaganda for the National Loan, and of the inauguration of Cassino.

2. Italians living in Libya, Egypt and Somalia can send as much as 5000 lire per month to their families in Italy; they must obtain permission from the Allied Commission and send the money through authorized banks.

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The death of President Roosevelt is a hard blow for the Italian Govt, for the Italian Nation and for the Allied Commission; he had a deep personal interest for Italy and her problems; we all knew of his efforts to help the Commission. (Admiral Stone)

The grief of the free world. (AVANTI)

This noble hero of justice who rises crowned with the sign of victory, is the greatest man of this tormented century. (SARAGAT, in Avanti)

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His name was the banner of a human cause, his voice interpretated the aspirations of people... He never uttered a harsh word against Italians, whom he never despised. (AMIGO JACOLIA in Il Giornale del Mattino)

G.S., in Il Globo, praises the work he did in the economic field.

Roosevelt will pass to history as the first to have carried out the association between the United States and the international life. (LUIGI SALVATORELLI, in Italia libera)

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5. Theatres and Cinemas in Rome were closed yesterday.

6. The news of Roosevelt's death was welcomed in Germany, where people hope that Truman may perhaps accept a negotiated peace instead of unconditional surrender.

7. Washington well informed circles declare that Truman, Churchill and Stalin will meet shortly. (SIDI)

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8. Argentina offers Italy more wheat. (U.P.)

9. Twenty Fascists arrested in Umbria and twenty in the Marche.

10. A new institution for assistance to the working masses founded by the C.G.I.L.

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1. There is no time for tears nowadays, so the people, in spite of their great and real grief for the death of Roosevelt, centre their interest in Truman. Pacciardi is sure that the new President will carry on on the same political lines as his predecessor; America has no territorial ambitions, but only wants peace; and as peace is indivisible - just as war is - America wants peace for the whole world.

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1. Employing the most modern technique Roosevelt managed to give to the present war the spirit of a universal crusade against Nazi-Fascism; the crimes of the Nazi leaders ask for vengeance, so the appointment that the Anglo-American and the Russian troops have in Berlin must represent, for the whole German leading class, the beginning of expiation. In 1918 England, America and France committed the fatal error of not punishing the Kaiser and Hindenburg and all the German Generals, but they will certainly not make the same mistake again. The Allies will now have to show the same moral strength that enabled Roosevelt to make, of every American citizen, a soldier; they must be guided by no weakness, by no false pity. (P. Nenni)

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4. Owing to initiative of the Tuscan C.L.N. a quantity of clothing material will shortly be distributed to Tuscan workers at a political price. (ANSA)

5. It is calculated that when production and sales conditions return to normal the State will make a profit of about 30 billion lire by administering monopolies.

6. A fair amount of mining machinery and tools have arrived in Italy from the U.S. (ORBIS).

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7. More than 50 % of the pre-war electric energy is being produced in Southern Italy.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. There are no medicines and none are being produced.

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1. "Speech of Freedoms" (sic). Praise of the Four Freedoms the social philosophy of which the writer contrasts favorably with the Marxist theories. (Scrutator)

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2. The new Prefects should not be political men but experienced Govt officials, according to O.P. Prefects moreover, ought to have a high moral standard and great physical and intellectual capacities.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Banks are the indispensable collaborators of foreign trade which cannot be rehabilitated until they have prepared credits and means of payment.

2. Article on British post-war investments.

3. Saprai could have managed to sell meat at a cheaper price.

4. The situation of tenement houses by Buonomo.

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OMNIBUS (Independent)

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3. Ruini visits the devasted areas of Abruzzo; general survey of destruction given.

4. Price of milk to be doubled, starting tomorrow.

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5. A gang of forgers arrested by the Police. They were going to put in circulation a million lire of false currency.

6. Fixed Price restaurants to distribute 2.000 meals per day at not more than 50 lire each.

7. The Italian Govt has sent to Washington the description of the gold of the Bank of Italy which Azzolini had handed over to the Germans.

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18. Von Papen, his son and son-in-law, were captured by the Allies in his house in the Ruhr. (LONDON)

19. It seems that Goering has arrived in Sweeden.

20. 22.000 Russians and Poles mutinied in a German concentration camp, killed the S.S. and are now walking towards the Allies.

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21. The leader of the S.S. of Nimitz committed suicide before the Allies' arrival; he is the first of the "war criminals" to kill himself. "He was a good man, he killed only 12 people", said his wife.

22. 117 French women have returned to Paris from German concentration camps.

23. Free Austrians have sent Stalin a message expressing their gratitude to the "heroic Russian Army". (London)

24. The D.N.B. has passed to all German newspapers a long article beginning: "F.D. Roosevelt, the greatest war criminal of all times, the real instigator of the second world war, has died".

25. Another meeting of the Big Three soon to take place to discuss the economic and perhaps also the political future of Europe.

26. President Truman will not go to San Francisco for he will be unable to leave the Capital. (A.P.)

27. Next Monday, Truman will set forth his line of conduct in foreign policy to Congress. He will broadcast a message to the Armed Forces next Tuesday. (I.N.S.)

28. General elections in Canada to take place on June 11th. (A.P.)

29. It seems that all political prisoners are being set free in Spain. (A.P.)

30. The "Prevda" writes that the Russians have never considered the German population responsible for the crimes committed by the Nazis.

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convinced that safety lies in monarchy and in the Savoy family, why did they wear a black shirt and help Fascism in all they could ? Had they not realized that Fascism has destroyed what little good was left in monarchy ?

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The Italians, patriots and soldiers, in the South and in the North, are giving all the help they can to this last Allied war effort; but all we are now doing is not sufficient to save us from the consequences of the crime committed by Fascism on the 10th of June 1940. And so Italy will not be invited to San Francisco; but this, says P. Nenni, is not a good reason to abandon ourselves to an inferiority complex which might lead us to lose all faith in the future. We must realize that the other nations cannot have full faith in us yet, as we have done nothing to deserve it; how can they trust us if we are not even capable of carrying out epuration and carrying on to the end the trials of Fascist Generals ?

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2. Babeuf reminds the Govt that sometime ago he had asked them if it was not true that the Sicilian separatists were going to make an appeal to the San Francisco conference. The Govt, says B., had made light of the notice but we now have the text of Finocchiaro Aprile's plea for an independent Sicily, addressed to the United Nations in Conference at S.F. Babeuf then recalls the history of previous separatist movements (in 1815 and 1848). According to him they were supported by "certain outside forces" which later gave their support to the unification of Italy. He thus implies that Sicilian separatism is inspired by non-Italian forces. He concludes with an appeal to the Sicilians to remember they are Italians and to the government to take the situation more seriously... Follows the text (somewhat long) of Finocchiaro Aprile's message, containing all the familiar arguments for separatism and making a point of Bonomi's failure to visit the island.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Quantities of small unimportant states, just because they have declared war on Germany on paper, without firing a gun, without losing one man, will go to San Francisco; is it quite right that Italy, which not only has declared war on Germany, but

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has given very valuable help to the Allies, with her men, her navy, and all her resources, should not yet be allowed to attend the conference? asks Don Sturzo; he then goes on critizising the veil of mystery with which the Allies cover everything concerning their attitude towards Italy.

2. It seems that 200.000 Germans have taken refuge in Copenhagen; we might say with Shakespeare "There is something rotten in the State of Denmark". (Carnacde)

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2. In agreement with the Allied Commission, the High Commissariat for War Refugees decided that all war refugees at present in Rome had got to go back home. Those who lost their houses will be sent to the nearest collection center.

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3. The Air Ministry is negotiating with the Allies for the purchase of 35 cargo and civil airplanes.

4. The Sicilian separatist, Finocchiaro Aprile has declared that Sicilian interests will be discussed at San Francisco where a memorandum has already been sent.

5. Service of the C.I.T.A. will dispose of 450 'camionette'.

6. Some of the Montecatini plants have resumed their activity.

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17. Statement of Eisenhower: the end of the war in Germany to be proclaimed only when Germany has been completely occupied and the German army entirely destroyed. (A.P.)

18. Molotof will go to San Francisco. There may be a meeting of the Ministers of foreign affairs of the three big powers in Washington for it seems Eden is not going back to England before the beginning of the Conference. In any case, this meeting would have an unofficial character. (I.N.S.)

19. The presence of Eden and Molotof in Washington gives some hope to the Italo-American organizations, they make another request to Washington and also present a request to Eden. (I.N.S.)

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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GLOBO (Economic)

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3. The laws for the repression of Fascism are called "Fascist measures".

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4. Rather detailed account of separatist congress in Palermo. Some rather violent speeches noted: "Sicily or Death" being the keynote.

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2. Against the attitude of the Sicilian separatists.

3. Taylor spoke of the past, recalling very significant facts and figures, but he looks to the future, he is concerned with the future, with the new destructions and the new suffering

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which still await Italy, and his speech is an appeal to the Allies to recognise the great contribution of Italy to the war effort against the common enemy. All Italians, ends Il Popolo, must admire his work and be grateful to him.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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GENERAL

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of a Defence Committee. The Council of Ministers expressed its gratitude to Argentina for the wheat put at the disposal of Italy. Minister De Gasperi states that the incident of via Garibaldi has caused manifestations which had delayed the rapprochement between Italy and Yugoslavia, but he hoped that the relations between both countries would be put on a level above press polemics. The questions pending between Italy and Yugoslavia cannot be solved as long as the Italian and Yugoslav anti-fascist forces are still fighting. The Council of Ministers expressed its wish of establishing relations of good friendship and understanding with Yugoslavia.

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15. In Churchill's name, Eden told Truman that the British Govt was glad of the perfect identity of view existing between Great Britain and the States of all problems.

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16. Churchill commemorates Roosevelt in the house of Commons.

17. Truman stated he would like to meet the chiefs of the big Powers as soon as possible. He said he was in favour of the Bretton Woods proposals, and that he would support a program of commercial exchanges. He means to keep the men who forms Roosevelt's Govt. (Reuter)

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Catholic Independent)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Franceville approves of De Gasperi's declaration on the Trieste problem; Italians must maintain a dignified and calm attitude, he says, and not abandon themselves to useless, or even harmful, shouting and debates. The fate of Trieste will be decided by the whole of Europe, to its own advantage and in the interest of civilisation and peace.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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members of this new burlesque Confederation. Very soon, goes on "oop", we shall have the union of the "baronesse" or of the "Contesse".

GIORNALE DEL PARTITO (Government)

1. Article by Aldobrando Medici Tornaquinci on the passionate aspirations and on the unshakeable faith of the Italians of the North in their approaching redemption. On the subject of Italy's exclusion from the San Francisco Conference, he says that we must remember that Italy was one of the three great Axis Powers and that for three years she has fought against the Allies; this exclusion shows that the historic fact still remains, in spite of what Italy has done during these last 18 months; we must now show the Allies that we entirely realise the difference there is between co-belligerency and alliance, and that we now deserve to be called Allies too.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Freedom, in Italy, used to have only one enemy: Fascism. At present freedom has still only one enemy: still Fascism. With the difference that before there was only one way of being either Fascist or anti-Fascist, while now there are many ways of being

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both these things, says Scrutator. Now the Bonomi Govt has approved a series of exceptional laws for the repression of fascism. Now we again ask the Govt the old question: why not render the laws public before they become active? If Bonomi thought that these measures could not wait for the formation of the Consulta, then why not at least render the drafts of law public and allow the Nation to know what is being decided? These methods of the Govt are fascist methods.

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ULTRA STAMPA

1. Luigi Barzini, Jr., considering Italy's situation after nineteen months of co-belligerency, says that the Armistice was worked out in such a way that no initiative was left to the Italian people, therefore the amount of help given to the war effort did not depend on them. Abroad the Italian Govt is considered inefficient; however this is the Govt which the Allies allow Italy to have. Italy is bound in a closed circle. Nothing is written about the Italian fighting units, very little is known about Patriot activity. Italy is made responsible for her decisions without giving her the means of taking any. Italy's wish to cooperate with the United Nations has been vain and has been interpreted as a stratagem for getting into the number of the victorious nations. But it is no use saying that it is other people's fault and Italians must not complain. Italians will no longer ask for anything and they will go humbly ahead in their reconstruction work, until they have won the world esteem.

2. Over one thousand Italian workers of the Todt organization have been liberated by the Allies. They are now working for the 5th Army. Their salaries have been raised from 10 lire to 145.

3. A group of Italian Generals and high ranking officers, captured by the Germans after September 8, have been liberated by the Russians.

4. Von Papen will very likely be put in the list of war criminals, while Dino Grandi is not included in the list.

5. Nine Italian ships, which had been used by the Allies for military necessities, will be soon put at the disposal of the Italian civilian traffic.

MOMENTO

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Stefano Jacini objects to Togliatti's statement that his party is now tolerant of the Church and Catholics. Tolerance is not a word for political use; we must have liberty in this sphere. It

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2. Over one thousand Italian workers of the Todt organization have been liberated by the Allies. They are now working for the 5th Army. Their salaries have been raised from 18 lire to 145.

3. A group of Italian Generals and high ranking officers, captured by the Germans after September 8, have been liberated by the Russians.

4. Von Papen will very likely be put in the list of war criminals, while Dino Grandi is not included in the list.

5. Nine Italian ships, which had been used by the Allies for military necessities, will be soon put at the disposal of the Italian civilian traffic.

MONTANO

1. A "Holy Alliance" of democratic countries, possessing the strength and readiness to intervene in defence of the political rights of all States, is to be strongly recommended for the future. This war was caused partly by the scruples of the big Democratic countries against interfering in the affairs of other States, thus permitting the European dictators to run their course.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Stefano Jacini objects to Togliatti's statement that his party is now tolerant of the Church and Catholics. Tolerance is not a word for political use; we must have liberty in this sphere. It is liberty which the Christian Democrats cherish and will fight to protect... Jacini also remarks that the Lateran treaty, "no matter who made it", must not be touched.

2. Is the Corte dei Conti useless, as UNRRA thinks ? Not at all says M. Forlee-Casilini who admits its corruption under Fascism but defends the utility of its function.

3. Gratitude to Argentina for gift of wheat.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Admiring article by Sauro De Feo on the courage that De Gaulle shows by sustaining the whole weight of the fight for the future of France, while behind him the country is full of contradictions and perplexities.

SECOLO XX (Pri.ce)

1. Production of Italian super-phosphates. Interview with Mr. Berzovitch of the A.C. Many plants have already been rehabilitated.

2. S. XX disapproves of the nationalization of the banks; it is better to leave full scope to free initiative and personal responsibility.

3. The problem of wool: last year the Samasso gave very bad results; it might be better to have only partial 'ammassi', obliging each producer to give a certain amount of wool. It is essential to import wool.

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whom 20.000 have been repatriated since the first months of 1944.

3. At the Bank of Italy Einaudi expounds the damage done by Fascism to the Italian treasury. Between 1927 and 1943 the Fascist Govt reduced by two thirds the Italian Gold reserve. He ended urging all Italians to subscribe to the public Loan.

4. The Council of Ministers has agreed that the 1st of May, the "day of the workers", may be considered a State holiday.

5. The Council of Ministers has approved five regulations for the repression of Fascist activities. Courts of Assizes to be established in the North to punish collaborationists.

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19. Tito's statement: Yugoslavia claims Istria, Trieste, Gorizia, and part of Austrian Carinthia. Should the Macedonians want to be united to Yugoslavia, Yugoslavia wouldn't offer any opposition. Tito added that agreements will be made with Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, and later on with Austria and Italy.

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20. Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia and Montenegro have taken action to form a Yugoslav federation, in which the various states will have Parliaments and responsible Govts.

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22. Truman signed the decree for the prolungation of the Lend Lease Law (1 year from the 30th of June) (A.P.)

23. Truman's speech to the Armed forces: President Roosevelt's ideal must be the nation ideal. (Reuter)

24. Eden will probably meet the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Russia and of the United States before the Conference of San Francisco. The Chinese Minister will probably participate in the meeting too. France cannot participate in these first interviews for she is not one of the inviting Powers. (I.N.S.)

25. Stettinius received a note from Russia on the Polish question; it seems new difficulties cropped up. The American Ambassador recalled to Washington to attend the interviews which will take place between Stettinius and Molotov.

26. Minister Law stated that the Nazi and Fascist leaders who were responsible for the policy which led to war crimes will also be considered as war criminals. Grandi has not yet been put among war criminals. A propos of von Papen, he said that he had nothing to say yet. (Reuter)

27. 1.100 political prisoners burnt alive by the Germans. (A.P.)

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is due them to begin with and point out they work 48 hours a week instead of 40 hours, as fixed by Italian law.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The Luogotenente wants the plebiscite and says that the people should so express their choice whether for monarchy of for the republic; but do the people know what result a plebiscite held in the present situation would give ? Do they realize that it would only be a mockery, after which the monarchy would install itself supported by the stupidity of the Nation ? asks Pacciardi. He then transcribes an article by an American journalist who was present at the last "free plebiscite"; the one held in Greece in 1935.

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3. The A.C. announces that 2,500 tons of steel will be recovered from the 860.000 shell forgings turned over to Italian steel mills.

4. Article studying the possibilities of Italian foreign trade and on the new markets it will have to seek in the future.

5. The present Govt has not made many patriotic appeals to the people - probably as a reaction to the loud appeals made duting twenty years by the Fascist Govt - but every one must realize all the same, writes Il Globo, the duty of subcribing to the public loan.

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2. Account of final day of Sicilian separatist conference, followed by statement of Alaisio that the separatist movement is a "bluff".

3. Denials from two individuals, resident in Rome, who were quoted as favouring the separatist movement. Pasqualino Vassallo and Prof. Gaspare Ambrosini both state they have no sympathy with the movement and protest they were misquoted at the meeting.

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4. The police possess only three machine guns. They might increase their armament by turning to "certain exponents of some political parties", suggests I.B., indicating it has in mind the affair of Marcella Monaco and her husband.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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2. There will not be a fire sale of the war supplies remaining in the U.S. when the war is over, explains G.E. Therefore Italians must not wait for help from abroad.

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SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. How is Great Britain going to reorganize her economy ? There are three possibilities: to go back to the policy of 'laissez faire' of the XIXth century, to adopt an economy directed by the State by means of a complete socialization, to follow plans made by the Govt, but leaving plenty of liberty to private initiative.

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2. Problem of the patriots of the North examined by the Italian Govt.

3. The Camera del Lavoro of Pisticci (Lucania) assaulted by a gang of Fascists.

4. In an encyclical letter addressed to the bishops of the whole world the Pope has asked that special prayers be said during the month of May for a just peace.

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5. Bolè received a delegation of the bar-owners who had gone on strike this morning.

6. About 20,000 invalid prisoners have been repatriated from various prisoners' camps.

7. Over 50,000 mines have been cleared in the provinces of Pisa, Pistoia and Lucca.

8. Transport of passengers between Sicily and the Aeolian islands has been re-established.

9. In one year, since it was founded, the American Relief for Italy has sent over 3262 tons of relief, including over 12,000 blankets and 176 tons of clothing; the total value amounts to about 8 and a half million dollars.

10. First American relief has arrived in Sardinia through the F.N.D.S.I.

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23. Swedish financial groups to participate in the reconstruction of devastated European countries.

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3. Can't anything be done to prevent all cigarettes and tobacco ending in the black market - where prices rise daily - and have the smokers' rations distributed more regularly?

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Guglielmo Roehrssen writes on the ever growing bureaucratic structure which during these last twenty years has almost drowned all Public Administrations.

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2. More complaints about the fish market; prices vary from one place to another without any apparent reason; measures suggested.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Randolfo Pacciardi defends himself against the veiled accusations some people have made, insinuating that he approves of Finocchiaro Aprile's separatist idea.

2. The problem of reconstruction must be thoroughly studied before it is tackled, says Mario Ferrero. Furthermore a clear distinction must be made between "immediate" and "not so urgent" necessities. He proposes a long, detailed plan which, he says, if courageously carried out will, in thirty years, heal the deep wounds inflicted on the Country by Monarchy and Fascism, and, consequently, by war.

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GLOBO (Economic)

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2. Italians are undergoing a test and the whole world is

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watching them; the future help from the Allies depends very much on how we shall get through this examination; so far we have had two tests; first the contribution to the war effort; if it has been small it was not our fault; it has any how been given full heartedly and unconditionally and our down-at-heel soldiers have given examples of courage and gallantry. The second test, goes on Il Globo, is the Loan; the Allies are watching with great attention the "temperature" of our desire to restart a new life.

3. Pyrite mines in Tuscany have been supplied with electric energy.

4. Article on the mystery of the circulation of cars in Rome; there exists a widespread organisation which avoids all control and favours purchase and sale of cars at astounding prices.

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2. Allied authorities and the High Commissioner for fascist profits have come to an agreement on the procedure by which properties of "gerarchi" and Fascist organisations will be confiscated in the newly liberated territories.

3. Armando Rossini, formerly head of the Press Office of the Presidency, has been appointed managing director of the RAI.

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4. This first democratic loan has already raised twice as much as the last Fascist one, which, in June 1943, raised 12 billion lire.

5. Palermo university students have demonstrated against the separatists' "memo".

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17. A delegation of the International World Labor Organisation has left for San Francisco. (Daily-Herald)

18. Documents in the German Embassy in Madrid are being burned.

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19. 140,000 French prisoners have been liberated by the advancing Allied forces in Germany.

20. Six French collaborationists condemned to death.

21. The U.S. Army "drinks" daily 133 million litres of petrol. (USIS)

22. "Test tube" children are not to be considered legitimate, declared the British Public Health Minister.

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36. Switzerland has closed its eastern frontiers. (ZURICH)

37. The Persian Govt has handed in its resignation. (REUTER)

38. The United States Govt condemns the Sicilian separatist movement as being a subversive movement directed against the Allies, against Italy and against Sicily itself; this statement was made on the American radio last night.

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39. The emigrants of Tripolitania ask for the independance of Tripolitania under the protection of Egypt. (DAMASCO)

40. Don Duarte of Braganza aspires to the throne of Portugal. (Lisbon)

41. Hoover to go to San Francisco. (A.P.)

42. Prisons in Athens are full of Political prisoners. (TASS)

43. It seems that America is going to send 3 billion cigarettes to liberated countries, including Italy.

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2. Italian soldiers should no longer be considered as P.O.W. by the Allies, says Ricostruzione. Considering the effort made by Italy in the common battle, this situation is ridiculous.

3. Polemics with 'Voce Repubblicana' which doubted the sincerity of the republican faith of the Labour Democrats.

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4. The bad functioning of the 'ammassi' comes from the following causes, says prof. De Michelis: the prices given to the producers are inadequate and do not cover the cost. To safeguard their interest, the producers do everything not to give their products to the ammassi. Control is slack and most of the time, offenders know that they will not get in trouble.

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2. Bebuf writes against the brutal way which death announcements are transmitted by the wireless; even in uncivilized fascist Italy the families used to be warned before hand in a more humane way.

3. The decree ordering the wool "sammarsi" shows the complete disorder in which the Govt works; otherwise, notes I.N., those responsible for the decree would realize that such a thing cannot possibly be done; wool is gathered very slowly, a little at a time, by the producers, so that it is very easy for speculators to go round and do their business undisturbed.

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2. Article of Giuseppe Toscano: How to salvage the ships which have been sunk.

3. Interview with the Secretary General of the Confederation of Italian Agriculturists. If what has been published about the formation of the Consulta is true the 'vital space' allotted to the representatives of the agriculturists will be ridiculously small.

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4. On occasion of the first of May, which has been declared a State holiday, and owing to shortage of newsprint, papers will not appear during two days. (Ass. Naz. Editori Giornali)

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5. The Communist Party on the Trieste Question: a large majority of the population is Italian; the Great Powers will certainly take that in consideration when the frontiers established at Rapallo will be re-examined. These frontiers have doubtless been unfair towards the slav population of Istria. The Communists trust that thanks to the friendship of Yugoslavia and the wisdom of the Big Powers a just solution will be found, which will be based on a situation of fact and not on sentimental reactions.

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19. The 'Journal of Commerce' says that, possibly, the liberated countries in Europe will not be able to maintain high rates of exchange, and that various devaluations might have a disturbing influence on the world trade and on the economic conditions of these countries.

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33. Diplomatic relations renewed between Russia and Guatemala.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Article of Giovanni Persico on the administrative elections; he thinks that an electoral college would be better than list suffrage with a proportional representation.

2. A. Manes on economy and finance of the present time.

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3. Insufficient action has been taken to punish Fascist crimes, writes Carlo Salsa. This will only exasperate the patriots of the North. It would be better for everybody if official justice has not got to be charged with mistaken action.

4. The same medicines are sold at different prices by the different chemists (and sometimes by the same ones too).

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2. The new projects of the Govt are evasive as concerns the powers of the Consulta, and absolutely chaotic as to its formation, comments the Avanti; but the greatest objection on our part is that it comes either too late or too soon.

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3. It seems that the Govt will not be able to postpone any longer the administrative elections without rendering even more suspect the slight interest it takes in the organisation of this first attempt of democratic consultation. Now it has to decide whether to allow those between 18 and 21 years of age, the right to vote. Let Solari thinks there is no reason to refuse.

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DEMO (Independent)

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8. Torchiani pointed out to the American Press that Italians not only need material help, but also moral friendship and comprehension.

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9. Sargent's arrival in Paris has been welcomed by long articles in the Press, which all point out that the French people have always distinguished between the French people and their "exploiters".

10. Mr. Macmillan visits Bologne.

11. Truman presided over a meeting in which Eden, Stettinius, Harriman (American Ambassador to Moscow) and J. Dunn participated. It is believed that questions inherent to the arrival of Molotof have been discussed, after which he urgently called to the White House all military and naval chiefs present in Washington.

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25. Smuts stated that in San Francisco it will be necessary not only to draft a treaty, but a real "profession of faith".

26. A treaty of mutual friendship, assistance and collaboration has been signed between Russia and the Polish temporary Govt. It is openly directed against a future German aggression, and establishes the obligation of mutual military assistance in case of a new aggression. Both parties pledge themselves not to conclude with the German Govt any peace treaty or armistice which might be prejudicial to the interests of the other party, nor to conclude any direct alliance against the other party. It is generally believed that this treaty will not be favourably considered by London and Washington. It is Moscow's answer to the refusal of the United States, supported by Great Britain, to ask the Polish temporary Govt to participate in the San Francisco Conference.

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2. Against the prefect of Frosinone, accused of trying to get rid of the pro-Republican administration of the town of Filettino.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. There is some hope that the fishing industry will be rehabilitated by and by. At present there are about 600 fishing boats available in various harbors.

TEMPO (Independent)

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11. Over half a million Italian prisoners in Germany; 100,000 have been already liberated; they will be cared for by Stalgot.

12. 80,000 Italians took refuge in Switzerland since the 8th of Sept.

13. Mussolini has promised Hitler all the help of the Fascist people and of the Fascist Army to stop the Allied advance. (I.N.S.)

14. Mussolini summons great council. (I.N.S.)

15. The Fascists continue to state that they will defend Milan until the end. (SIDI)

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23. American industrialists in favour of reduction of custom rates.

24. Norway asks for Sweden's intervention against the Germans.

25. It is rumoured that Hitler means to surrender to the Allies after resisting to the last, and will ask to be judged by a supreme Allied court. It seems he prepared a long memo charging the Allies with many responsibilities.

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26. Nazi Radio silent since Saturday morning. (SUDI)

27. It is foreseen that about 4 million Germans will suffer hunger in the Ruhr during the next winter when all food supplies are finished. (PARIS)

28. During the last 24 hours more than 5000 people, of various nationalities, have entered Switzerland coming from Germany. (BERNE)

29. Stalin to visit Berlin as soon as the Russian Head Quarters is installed in the Capital. (I.N.S.)

30. Petain is in Switzerland awaiting instructions from the French Authorities. (U.P.)

31. King Leopold of Belgium is expected in Switzerland any moment.

32. Swiss authorities refused Laval the right to enter Switzerland.

33. Penicillin produced in France. (A.P.)

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that he has lost, and that it "is now a question of a few weeks or even a few days". (I.N.S.)

10. According to news transmitted from neutral radios it seems that Turin and Genoa have been liberated by the patriots.

11. French troops have crossed the Italian frontiers and have advanced for about five miles. (I.N.S.)

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27. German Authorities have allowed the International Red Cross to send three train loads of supplies to the French population of the Saint Nazaire zone. (London)

28. According to Radio Moscow Hitler is not in Berlin.

29. 182 thousand blankets sent over from the American Relief for Italy are being distributed by ENDSI, announced the A.C.

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30. Edouard Herriot, ex-French Prime Minister, liberated by the Russian troops east of Berlin. (ORBIS)

31. The Dutch starving population is supplied with food by Allied planes.

32. Great Britain will make and export this year one and a half million bicycles.

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2. Paper mills are under the control of the Ministry of Industry; the black market is full of paper; whose fault is it then, asks T.d.P. ?

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Partial peace. Switzerland and Italy will be the two outstanding absentees at San Francisco, remarks Urbanus. The

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mistrust of the Allies towards Italy can be explained (though not justified) on the basis of her all too recent past. The peace of the future will be assured by the synchronized action of the nations, the present is being taken care of (at least in the case of Russia) by old-fashioned bilateral pacts. Perhaps since the war is still going on the conference is premature - let us hope for the best however, concludes the writer.

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Conference. He hopes that the Three Big Powers will not think only of their interests, but will keep in mind all the time the interests of the smaller powers, whether represented or not. If they don't, then the San Francisco Conference is bound to be a failure, ends the writer.

2. Bruno Visentini does not believe that the economic boundary will ever attain those results which the Govt believes it will obtain. It is absurd to believe that inflation can be kept away from the north; the mere fact that Allied troops go there with their AM-Lire, will naturally bring about a rise in all prices in the northern provinces; and these prices will inevitably rise until they attain the same level they have attained in the south. So the boundary will only prevent a possible diminishing of prices in the south, and that free exchange of goods which would bring about a rebirth in interregional and inter-provincial commerce.

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LIBERA STAMPA - N.N.

MOMENTO

1. Patriots in the North are on the move; the old Italian tradition and its spirit of the Risorgimento are leading them. For the second time Italy's honour is being saved.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Carlo Trabucco writes on the homesickness of all those

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of Northern Italy now living in the South, and of their longing to see again their people and their homes. He hopes that what has been said about a sanitary boundary separating Northern Italy from the South is not true. It would be too cruel not to allow those who have been waiting for so long to join their people as soon as they are liberated.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The San Francisco Conference is the last chance, says Lorenzo Barbaro, to organise peace on new and more solid international bases.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Article of Mario Einaudi on International trade and custom duties. It is to be hoped that the Congress will vote the renewal of the Trade Agreement Act with the modifications suggested by Roosevelt to diminish custom duties.

2. Cotton Industry in liberated Italy, (S. XX interview with the Textile Division of A.C.). The Allies have been asked for the authorization to import a large quantity of machinery and materials.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Italy is a poor country that has no raw materials and is a long way from the big international markets. The solution must harmonize with the character of the people and of the country; it is useless to try and establish heavy industry in Trapani for instance. Italy's rehabilitation has got to be directed in a European spirit. (Homo)

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Polemics with Italia Nuova a propos of the 'scala mobile'. Italia Nuova pretends to deal with many sides of the problem; the only sides it does not deal with is the situation of the workers.

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16. 1200 Italian war prisoners in a camp near London have given up one day's pay for the benefit of British prisoners liberated from German camps.

17. Italian prisoners found in Germany will be treated by the Allies as the Allied prisoners are, stated Churchill in the House of Commons. (London)

18. Messe makes a declaration, giving figures, on the Italian war effort during the 18 months of cobelligerency.

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29. Moscow accuses Spain of receiving Nazi leaders. (I.N.S.)

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28. Asiatic delegates at the San Francisco Conference believe that Japan will attack Russia within the month of May, according to plans established since last summer. (I.N.S.)

29. Moscow accuses Spain of receiving Nazi leaders. (I.N.S.)

30. Very serious accusations await Marshal Petain at his trial. (SIDI)

31. Congressman Buell Snyder, President of the Foreign Affairs Commission, stated that he shares Truman's opinion that Eisenhower will not make the declaration of victory until the 4th of July - the United States' national holiday. They think that organised German resistance will end within May and scattered resistance about a month later. (I.N.S.)

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32. According to Nazi plans Hitler should die as a hero defending Berlin while Himmler would take the leadership of the Bavarian resistance and Goebbels would continue his propaganda from Norway. (I.N.S.)

33. It seems that Moscow is ready to declare war on Japan if the Russian thesis on Poland is accepted at San Francisco. (San Francisco)

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. When we first spoke of the "wind of the North" we meant to express our hope in the population of the North; our hope has not been disappointed; the wind of the North is blowing all over the country focussing the eyes of the world on Italy, says Nenni. "Wind of the North - wind of liberation".

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MOMENTO - N.N.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Under the heading "Italy has awakened" Vezio Fuselli writes that Italy has now her own part in the series of victories against Nazism.

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2. The General Labor Confederation has sent an appeal to every workers' organization asking them to assist repatriated POWs and veterans in every possible way.

3. At the first meeting of the Labor Chamber Grassini reports on the economic situation of Roma province. Figures are given.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

PATRIOTS

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The Province of Aquania has a partisan as Prefect.

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A representative of the Republican party spoke through Radio Milano Libera saying that a real peace will only be possible with the formation of the United States of Europe; he added that for the honour and in the interests of Italy Monarchy must disappear.

Radio Milano Libera sent a message to Toscanini asking him to go back to Milano.

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6. Charles Poletti declared to the Italian press that now that Italy has proved that she can act by herself, he renounces his post of Regional Commissioner and will only go to Milan as observer and to give advice if needed.

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7. General Schwering, Commander in chief of the German forces in Italy, who has been captured by the Allies, declared that the situation of the German troops in northern Italy is desperate. (REUTER)

8. At San Francisco: Molotov. "Now is the time to know if all nations want to collaborate with the five big powers for the organisation of world security"; he then recalled the work done by Roosevelt in favour of peace. Eden stated that Great Britain is ready to give all her help to render effective the plans drafted at Dumberton Oaks; he added that these plans must not represent an imposition of the big powers over the smaller ones. At a press conference Molotov stated that Russia will insist on 3 votes. (U.P.)

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21. Kesselring taken prisoner by the Allies. (LONDON)

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CAPITALE

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. The voice of liberated Milan has been enough to make us find faith in ourselves again, to make us forget the disappointments of these last long months, to make us return with renewed energy to the battle for the redemption of our people. Without the help of the North this battle would have been lost already, writes Leonida Repaci. Let us put an end to false pity, for at times it represents a weakness; let us try to imitate the patriots, and the people of the North.

INDIPENDENZA

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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2. Soprel has said nothing about the distribution of the third and fourth postwarrations.

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3. Some of Rome's districts are disgracefully neglected. The centre is all right but the periphery is neither lighted nor cleaned, the streets ought to be re-paved, and an occasional policeman would have a good effect on the behaviour of the numberless children who spend their days in the street.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA

1. Victory of the people. Such is Pacciardi's interpretation of the partisan victories which have helped so much in the liberation of the North. After this glorious proof of Italy's democracy the policy of exclusion so far pursued by the United Nations towards Italy becomes absurd and infamous. Everything is now to be built from the foundations. Pacciardi is sure that the people have no respect for the Luogotenente and regard him as a person who is yet to be judged. Nor will the energetic people of the North long tolerate the "antediluvian" class of politicians making up the provisional Govt of Bonomi. The Govt which has taken a year to set up the Consulta will be faced now with an appeal for a Constituent Assembly... Incidentally Pacciardi advises the patriots if they catch Mussolini not to wait for the arrival of the Allies but to proceed immediately to his trial and execution - "it will only take an hour".

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2. The above message is followed by a report of the joint meeting of Communist and Socialist Central Committees asking Bonomi to appeal to the Allies for permission for immediate meeting of the C.L.N. committee with the C.L.N. of the North. In the meanwhile the two parties have taken the initiative, summoning the Central C.L.N. committee and the secretaries of the six parties.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Guido Gonella discusses the most effective way to guarantee the loyal and efficient comprehension between Italians and Allies, and particularly, between the North and South of Italy.

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2. Imminent re-shuffle of the government as a result of the liberation of the North.

3. Inglorious end of Mussolini. Time may dim the memory of his misdeeds but they will never be forgotten.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Mussolini's end is without greatness; he has been abandoned by everybody, even by the Germans. Now the men of the insurrection sanction the verdict which has already been pronounced by the Italians and by the world's public opinion.

STROLO XX (Finance)

1. Interview with the Undersecretary for Agriculture: the situation of Sardinia: from the point of view of agriculture it is definitely bad: cattle are dying from various diseases. The prices of the products which the island produces are much smaller than on the continent, and as the island has to buy many things on the mainland, this greatly prejudices its economy. The police forces are quite insufficient to prevent cattle from being stolen and people from being kidnapped or blackmailed.

2. The Middle East as oil-centre.

3. Industrial plants in the Rome province.

4. The meat-problem in Rome. The quantity of meat to be distributed is very scarce, but at least it is controlled. People should beware of the meat they buy in the black market, for nobody checks whether the animals are diseased or not.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article on the allotment of the family indemnity. In many cases the employees do not get it when their children are over 18, i.e. at the time they would most need it to pay for their education.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Italian nation is dissatisfied with the way the country has been led up to now. The sovereignty of the people must not be a literary fiction. (Velio Spano)

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General Cadorna, commander in chief of the troops of the North, invites the patriots and partisans to facilitate the advance of the Allies.

The C.G.I.L. of Milan send a message to the C.G.I.L. of Rome, expressing joy for the liberation from the fascist tyranny.

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GENERAL

1. Himmler has offered surrender to the Anglo-Americans who have refused until surrender is also offered to the Russians.

2. The rumor of Germany's surrender has been welcome in many German towns.

3. Hitler said to be dying.

4. According to the "Stockolms Tidningen" Hitler was informed yesterday, at the Chief of Staff meeting about the desertion of many German aviators who had passed to the Allies with their planes and about revolts in the Army in Southern Germany; he was advised to surrender and stop this useless fight. (I.N.S.)

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17. According to reliable sources of information no change is foreseen in the Govt. (ORBIS)

18. Solari stated that as soon as the whole of Italy is liberated a new Loan will be issued, called the "Loan of liberation".

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19. Genoa handed over to the Allies by the patriots.

20. More demonstrations in Puglia for the Italianity of Trieste.

21. The C.I.F. (Centro Italiano Femminile) sends a message to all women of northern Italy encouraging them to form feminine organisations to help the patriots.

22. De Gasperi received the Belgian chargè d'affaires.

23. Poletti denies having stated that he would renounce his position as Regional Commissioner for Lombardy, the A.C. announces.

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2. Strong action must be taken against T.B. Statistics show that there is an increase of 100 %. Many of the sanatoria and preventoria have been destroyed and will have to be rebuilt.

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ET. A (Independent Leftist)

1. L. Repaci hopes that the patriots will execute Mussolini and his accomplices without waiting to hand them over to the Allies. A trial would only give them glamour, and there are still many people with fascist tendencies whom this would influence.

2. Article of Frisco kid. The behaviour of Northern Italy shows how unjust it was to exclude Italy from San Francisco. It is to be hoped that this injustice will be repaired.

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2. German occupation sanctioned by Mussolini was aggravated by the King and Badoglio after July 25th.

3. Randolfo Pacciardi agrees with the anti-Fascist parties of the North: this is not a time for compromises or delay;

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everybody agrees on getting rid of Bonomi but this is not a question of persons, but of a system. No more collaboration with the Lieutenant. Monarchy must be put aside.

4. S. Salvemini's "National Program": elimination of the monarchy - respect for the personal and political rights of the citizens - dissolution of the former army, navy and air force, dismissal of all senior officers - dismissal of all high ranking magistrates - administrative federalism - immediate transfer of the land to those who cultivate it - immediate socialization (without indemnity) of all the industrial plants, firms and banks whose profits during the Fascist regime were made at the expense of the people - participation of the workers in the administration, responsibility and profits of all enterprises.

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5. The sanitary boundary will not prevent profiteers and bootleggers from carrying on their dealings, writes Avanti commenting on the AC announcement on civilian movement to the North. The only way to carry on a real control would be for the Govt to have a complete monopoly of transport.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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1. Gino De Sanctis describes Bologna population reprisals against Fascists.

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ROMA

1. Textile industry of Lombardy is again in our hands. Apparently it has not been greatly damaged. Figures of the industry set-up in 1939 are given.

2. G.P. examining wheat production in Italy, says that from an economic point of view it would be convenient to import our wheat. But as for some time shipping space will be lacking and Italy will have many other essential supplies to import, it would be advisable if farmers did not reduce their wheat production too much.

3. The High Commissioner for Food declared to the "Globo" that food situation in Northern Italy has been found better than expected, and that most of the newly liberated territory will be practically self sufficient. As regards the "sanitary boundary" he stated that it has already brought about some good effects. As regards Rome food situation he said that at the present moment Rome is one of the best supplied capitals of Europe.

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. Mussolini, who was a criminal, a blackmailer, a traitor, would have been put into jail in a democratic country. His success in Italy was due to the fact that Italians did not want to take their share of responsibility in the ruling of their country. From now on we must face the future with faith in human kind and freedom.

2. Short biographies of the eleven members of the C.L.N. of Northern Italy.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Oreste Lizzadri praises the orders issued by the C.G.I.L. of Milan, which, he says, ought to be a lesson for us.

2. Discontent among mine clearers because of low salaries.

MOMENTO

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12. It seems Laval and Jeat ask to go back to France to be tried.

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13. The Allied Command and the Italian Govt. having invested the C.L.N. of the North with govt. authority, it was fully entitled to execute Mussolini and its collaborators. The proceedings were in line with the allied statement on war criminals. (Reuter)

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. It is a good thing that the verdict against Mussolini was pronounced by the Italian people without the intervention of any other force.

MOMENTO

1. What will the patriots of the North think of Rome where there is so much talk but where so few trials take place, where it isn't even possible to know the names of the spies of Ovra?

IL PROGRESSO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Commenting on the execution of the Fascists, Mario Pannunzio writes that this is neither vengeance, nor lust for blood, but a 'longing for justice, purity and life'.

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