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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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5. The press office of the Presidency issued a communiqué last night stating that during the last 24 hours no new incidents took place in Bari province. The police control the situation and the representatives of the parties collaborate in the reestablishing of order. At the prefettura of Bari a meeting was held to solve the problem of salaries; an agreement was reached;

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another meeting will be held tonight in the presence of Scoccimarro, who yesterday visited Andria and Corato to see about the disarmament of civilians. Investigations to accertain the responsibility of the incidents are continuing; it seems that the incidents of Andria and Minervino Murge were not due to Unions' disagreements. On his return to Rome Scoccimarro will give a complete account of the situation.

6. Harvest is over in the north of Italy; it seems that the wheat will amount to about 2 million tons - against 3 million last year.

7. More Fascist hierarchs arrested in the north.

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2. One of the worse and more deep diseases left by twenty years of Fascism is the epidemic of violence which seems to have spread throughout the whole of Italy, says Riccardo Bauer. And most of the acts of violence are carried out - whether individual or collective - by people who call themselves partisans and patriots.

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The groups of heroic and brave men who fought the Germans and Fascism during the clandestine period and during the revolt in the north, have been enlarged by elements of the worst kind, such as thieves, blackmarketers and such. The authority of the State must be reestablished before it is too late; but a purifying impulse must also come from the people, from the individual.

3. Under "Rosso di Sera" M. says that the only real "bandits" which breed disorders in Puglie are unemployment, hunger, disease. It is therefore useless to try to conquer them with Carabinieri.

INDIPENDENTE

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2. Every one knows now that it is possible again to write letters and to hope that they may reach their destination within six days; let us hope too that the director of the central post office has been informed of the news and that he will order the post-boxes to be emptied once every now and then, says Don Gil.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Our paper, says V.R., gave the news yesterday about a Pietro Pagano (See yesterday's Digest under Voce Repubblicana No 2) appointed president of the Commission for epuration at the Ministry of Justice. We receive a letter from the person who really is in that post, called Giuseppe Pagano, who has never joined the Fascist party.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Commenting on the scepticism with which the San Francisco "Charter" has been greeted in Italy, Nenni expresses hope that Italy may be wrong, as she was wrong in receiving with enthusiasm - twenty five years ago - the Geneva "Charter". There is still a great war to fight in Europe, he says: the war against hunger, unemployment and disorder. If, in Potsdam, orders to win this war are issued, then our mortifications will come to an end. It is right that we should await from the Potsdam meeting the decision of the whole of America to help the reconstruction of Europe; but it is also right that we should prove to the Allies that we are capable of doing something by ourselves. So the first problem we must solve is that of coal from Sardinia.

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2. Adv. Trauzzi of the Action Party had been appointed Questore of Bologna by the C.I.N. He has been dismissed by A.M.G., and Dr. Iantaffi, a police official whose career was made under Fascism, appointed in his stead. Nowadays, men with such a past are being put by the Allies in the place of men of well known patriotism. Dr. Iantaffi immediately set free all the agents of the Ovra and put an end to the epuration which was taking place in the Questura.

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3. Paolo Alatri's article on the German anti-fascist organizations in Italy. It is to be hoped they will soon be acknowledged as the official representatives of the Germans in Italy. The Germans have removed the very valuable books of the various German libraries in Italy, which had been given back to Germany after the last war on the condition that the books would not be removed from the country. These books must be sent back to Florence and Rome.

4. Anti-hygienic living conditions for the refugees in the Garbatella district.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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2. It is more and more difficult to find accomodation for the refugees who have to remain in Rome; according to ministerial regulations they should now go back to where they came from.

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MOMENTO

1. According to the statement of the Govt, the Puglia incidents have no political cause. Minister Barbareschi states they were no concern of his as they had nothing to do with labour questions. This is therefore a case of common delinquency: under political pretences, some groups are trying to make the most of their opportunities during these times of trouble. Law must be enforced.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità does not agree with Ris. Lib. which said that the Govt should have used strong methods in dealing with the Puglia incidents. No, says Unità, the Parri Govt is not going to begin its career by more blood shed in this poor country which has already been so much tried by war.

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2. A political, and not a military commission should judge the behaviour - during imprisonment - of those who are being repatriated from Germany.

The Italian army must be democratised.

All soldiers, and not only officers, should have the right to vote. (Il Soldato)

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7. Fascist spies arrested in Milan. (ANSA)

8. Twelve death sentences in Verona and Novara.

9. It seems that General Bencivenga has founded a new party which is supposed to "gather in a new harmonic and operating mass all those whose political ideal lies between Liberalism and Communism, and which intends, by cooperating with Christian Democracy and with the Socialists, to form a directive element

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of equilibrium in this agitated period during which the basis of a new constitution must be laid". This new political movement, which has no name, will shortly have a newspaper directed by General Bencivenga himself. (Indipendente)

10. Coachmen ask for fares of cabs to be reduced.

11. Nenni, speaking on the radio on sanctions against Fascism said that all those who have sinned for youthful enthusiasm, for suggestion, or for other such reasons, will not be punished; on the contrary severe sanctions will be taken against those who have speculated through Fascism and against the leaders; he added that the Govt will reestablish order in the country not through the police but by a special social justice, that it will solve the institutional question and that it will tackle immediately the three fundamental problems of local autonomy, that is agrarian, industrial and banks' reform.

12. The Foreign Office sent Parri a note of congratulations for his appointment as prime minister, in which it is said that Great Britain does not forget the help she has promised Italy, but that the necessities of the various countries - some even more urgent than Italy's - are subordinate to the necessities of the war in the far east. At the same time another note was sent to Bonomi, expressing satisfaction at the work he did.

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13. Admiral Stone last night received unofficially the members of the Italian Govt present in Rome.

14. Disorders have occurred in some centres of Milan province owing to increase of prices.

15. In Sicily miners and peasants demonstrate against the measures orderd by the High Commissioner. (ANSA)

16. The Commissioner of hospitals of Genoa condemned to death.

17. According to the Yugoslav news agency TANJUG British soldiers have attacked a group of Yugoslavs near Trieste - wounding a number of them - only because they delcared that they were Slavs. The Sloven C.L.N. of Trieste has protested with the Allied authorities. (I.N.)

18. According to Vatican spokesmen the Pope is not very pleased with the results of the San Francisco Conference.

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16. The Commissioner of hospitals of Genoa condemned to death.

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18. According to Vatican spokesmen the Pope is not very pleased with the results of the San Francisco Conference.

19. Orbis denies that there is, for the moment, any truth in the rumor about Admiral Stone leaving the A.C.

20. Scoccimarro, received by Parri, gave a complete account of the Puglia incidents; interviewed by the press Scoccimarro stated that, on arriving in Andria, he convoked the directing board of the Communist party and explained what he expected from them; he then convoked the members of the C.L.N. among whom he managed to reestablish calm and understanding, and convinced them to personally contact the local command of the Carabinieri in order

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. At present, the problem of interior policy must be considered from a special point of view: there are neither stable regulations nor order. People complain of the general state of misery and yet the energies which might improve this situation are being wasted; there is much talk about law, but violence is being used. The problem of interior policy concerns all the ministers and essentially all the parties which dispose of organizations that can act in the provinces. To wonder whether public force is or isn't to use its weapons is senseless. A conservative govt uses public force to safeguard the interests of some classes; a democratic govt uses it to defend the interests of the nation. Private citizens should have no weapons except those which are legally authorized. Some kind of arms belong to the state. Machine guns and bombs must not be used by civilians.

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POPOLO (Democratic)

1. In Biella the salaries of women workers have been raised to the same level as those of men.

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2. Details on the Cerniglieno plants which can at present produce only 3,000 tons of steel per month against the 200,000 tons they used to produce.

3. The Italian commercial mission has left for Switzerland.

4. The Regional Labour Office has received 7000 requests from workers to go to Ceylon. Medical visits to start in a few days.

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2. Labour Minister Barbareschi visits C.G.I.L.

3. End of the meeting of the Camere del Lavoro of Northern Italy: they support the claims of the 'mezzadri' and ask for the nationalization of the main industries. As for emigration, they stated that Italian workers shouldn't have to go abroad when there is so much to do for the reconstruction of the country.

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LIBERA STAMPA - N.N.

MOMENTO

1. Parri is right to put the problem of Italian democracy on a concrete ground. It is not enough to make democratic laws or establish democratic institutions. Laws and institutions simply collapse if they do not take in consideration the spiritual and material requirements of a nation, at a given time. The present unrest is caused by the instability of economic conditions. Differences of opinion between the parties have the same origin. There is no democracy without internal peace, and there won't be any internal peace as long as misery and hunger embitter part of the population. To solve this problem, the Govt must have the collaboration of all the country and the comprehension of the Allies.

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4. A meeting of all the C.L.N. parties was held yesterday, under the chairmanship of the Sindaco, (only the Christian Democrats were absent), during which each representative pledged

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himself of behalf of his party to stop selling walls with political slogans. It is hoped, writes R.L. that Christian Democrats, althought absent, will adhere to the agreement.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Giovanni Gera tries to examine the amount of war damage, in different fields, suffered by Italy.

2. In one field at least it is impossible to deny the difference existing between North and South, says Secolo XX; the Milan Commune has already paid - for war damage amounting to 22 billion lire, one billion and 200 millions, while in Naples, for 7 billion lire damages, the Commune has only paid 120 millions. And Naples was liberated 18 months before Milan.

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13. Scleri, speaking on the radio, stressed the importance of the extension of the Public Loan to Northern Italy.

14. Robert Jackson, vice general director of UNRRA to ins[illegible]

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15. Radio Belgrad states that a Yugoslav delegation has reached Trieste in order to discuss with the Allied military authorities and with the representatives of UNRRA the possibility of using the Trieste port for UNRRA relief to Yugoslavia. (U.P.)

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2. Article on the currency black market in Piazza Colonna.

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2. It must be one of the first duties of the Costituente to see that school returns to the direct service of society; today schools produce only candidates for unemployment; not only pedagogic reforms are needed but much more deep ones which only the federal Republic which will be born from the Costituente, can solve, said Ignazio Silone speaking on the radio. These reforms will not be carried out by professors, but by the founders of the republic, so that schools will become "res-publica".

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Pacciardi comments on recent speeches of Nenni and Parri. Nenni is anxious to set up the Costituente and this is all right in Pacciardi's view but does not Nenni realize that the time of the Costituente is to be set by the Allies? Would he not have been wiser to run his campaign outside the government rather than compromising his own prestige and that of his party by association with an administration which has no freedom of action? Likewise for Parri's program Pacciardi has no criticism as far as it goes; it is a humble program of living from day to day; is it a worthy crown, Maurizio, asks Pacciardi, to all these years of antifascism and clandestine struggle ?

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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reestablish work in full in all fields, it is necessary that workers feel themselves protected, says Pietro Capasso.

2. Gino De Sanctis writes on the present situation in Milan.

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2. The monarchists are embittered because the Govt reestablished quiet in Puglia without firing on the crowd, and they try to say that the C.L.Ns. are responsible for the hunger and cold from which the workers will suffer next winter. However, the Italians do not forget that the present conditions have been brought about by monarchy.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. Libera Stampa's inquiries about the Puglia incidents: they must be explained by the misery and bad living conditions

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of the population and also by delinquency and personal interests.

2. After suffering under the Germans, Zara is now seing worse horrors under the Croatians. Partisans, women, children are being thrown in the sea with a stone tied to their neck or made to dig their grave before being shot. The inhabitants beg the C.L.N.A.I. to insure that Zara remain Italian.

MOMENTO

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Letter by a war prisoner protesting because the Govt does nothing for them.

2. Something must be done for Italian children, says Tempo.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. First of a series of articles by Guido Molinelli in praise of the people of Puglia, describing the different aspects of the Puglia land.

2. Why does the Commune of Rome not undertake the problem of gathering milk? asks Unità.

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5. Scoccimarro, interviewed by Orbis, stated that war profiteers will be severely punished, though it is early yet to say when these severe measures will be applied.

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6. Coal supplies for the railways of Northern Italy will come to an end in about two weeks.

7. 70,000 tons of cotton will be supplied by the cotton mills of the North.

8. Railway fares have been increased by 300 % in the North.

9. Parri received yesterday morning the French Ambassador Couve de Murville.

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19. In Milan and Turin rents have increased by 10 to 20 %.

20. It seems that the Italian declaration of war on Japan has already been approved and that it will shortly be made official. (I.S.)

21. The names of the inhabitants of Opcina who affirmed having been wounded by British soldiers on the 22nd of June, have been communicated by the Italo-Slovenian C.L.N. of Trieste to the Allied authorities.

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22. Curfew has been lifted in Naples.

23. AMG in Lombardia announces that the first 900 Italians repatriated from Switzerland have reached Milan. It seems that 5000 will be repatriated every day. (N.N.U.)

24. The press office of the High Commissariat for Sicily announces that more Allied wheat has been unloaded in Sicily.

25. Carlo Bassano, undersecretary of war navy under the second Bonomi Govt, has been appointed Prefect of Rome in the place of Persico who has been appointed undersecretary of the Treasury.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. There is some hope of having shoes and textiles at a

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lesser price for it appears that a large amount of them is blocked in Northern Italy, and that the Govt is trying to arrange a controlled distribution.

2. What Italy most needs is coal for the rehabilitation of her industry. It is to be hoped that the Allies will supply us with some. Italy must be careful not to do anything which might make the Allies stop sending supplies. (M. Braidotti)

3. Commenting on Berlinguer's article "How to strike at the profiteers", L.S. says that Berlinguer's formula would have the following result: work, in conformity with today's progress and civilization would be considered as an offence. All those who cultivated wheat where only weeds used to grow, and those who contributed to the spreading of 'autarchic' products, or built roads, during the fascist period would be considered as having upheld the fascist regime, and be therefore guilty. To allot unlawful profits to the state is all right, but it is senseless to destroy well organized industries at a time when our future depends in part on them.

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4. V.R. is not impressed by the Govts action in Bari province. The real causes of the trouble have not been analyzed nor does the Govt give any idea of what its program is to be. Appearances have been saved - and that is all the 6 parties care about.

5. Letter from a group of anti-fascists in Argentina saying that it is scandalous that the monarchy should still be tolerated in Italy.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. The C.G.I.L. will examine the question of the allotment of products in rural contracts.

2. The 'Rural Front' in North Italy; it is a defensive alliance of all rural classes, based on background of regional

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economy. Lamberto Giannitelli considers that this is a purely Piemontese phenomenon.

3. Unrest among Sicilian peasants, who protest against the 'unjustified intransigency' of landowners and ask them to respect the law.

4. A propos of General Carboni's statement, L. says that the institutional question must be solved mostly for moral reasons.

5. Tuscan landowners do all they can to reject the claims of the mezzadri. They still refer to the fascist contracts. In the past landowners always enforced contracts to which the peasants were compelled to agree by misery or compulsion.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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14. The strike in Milan has taken enormous proportions and has now extended to every field of activity; strikers amount to several hundred thousands. Mariani, secretary of the Camera del

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Lavoro, made a speech; he pointed out that Italians merely want to work; as the harvest has not been good, they are ready to make still more sacrifices, but they want to be put in a condition to work and produce again; anyhow workers do not admit that those who do not work, should be allowed to eat more than they do. News from London says that the Allied authorities ordered tanks and armed troops to patrol the town in order to avoid any possible incident.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS -

CAPITALE - N.N.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. In Bolzano and surroundings, two months after the liberation, the two ethnical groups of Italian and German speaking citizens are trying very hard to avoid all incidents and to create a new life based on understanding and friendship, says Paolo Monelli. The only trouble, at the moment, is caused by a number of German prisoners who have not yet been

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set to work and who therefore are free to go about, and very often break into houses and steal and murder.

2. It seems absurd, but it is true; the black market has lately been functioning as a means of controlling prices; very often prices of the so called black market, says Luigi Gerrone, are lower than the official prices.

3. Too many beggars in Rome, complains Epoca.

INDIPENDENTE

1. It will not be possible to use for the trolley-buses the tyres that were sent to Rome. It appears these tyres have been given by the Allies and will have to be repaired. The greatest part which cannot be repaired will be used to make rubber soles.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Ludex writes a detailed article on reform of codes which is being carried on speedily enough, particularly after the liberation of the North; this reform will continue however to have only a preparatory character, awaiting the institution of the

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Consulta, through which the whole nation will participate in codifying the reform.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. When is this "Govt of the Costituente" going to institute the Costituente? asks V.R. There is so far no talk about it, and the Consulta, this caricature of the Costituente, will only be formed by Sept.

2. Pacciardi debates with Avanti which urged him to follow Bursa's advice: "if you want to be sure not to be wrong watch what your enemies do and do the contrary". No, says Pacciardi, we cannot follow these words, because by doing the contrary of what our enemies do we would do what our friends do, and we don't want to follow Nenni's example. We republicans, whether socialists or not, prefer a Govt without Luogotenente.

3. Dolfi disapproves violenty of partisans and patriots being tried for having killed Germans or Fascists; they did this obeying orders transmitted on the radio by the Allies. If now they are punished, this proves that we still are governed by the same laws as before the 8th of Sept 1943. We await for the new Lord-keeper of the Seals to give a more juridic and human turn to Italian legislation.

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3. Subalpino examines what he considers the duties of the Sinistra Cristiana, whose National Council started yesterday. By reason of its social proletarian program and because of its Christian faith, its functions become important, though they may sometimes appear contradictory.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Still about water; Many parts of the town are without it;

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the citizens complain; the various societies do nothing; and it would be so easy to allow everyone to have his share of this indispensable thing.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Giovanni Boeri comments on the ordinance issued by the Allied Military Authorities, at the end of June, on epuration in private firms, and criticises the fact that this ordinance does not apply to all firm but only to those designated by the Allies.

2. Article on distribution of cotton materials to those peasants who produce wheat; they will be able to buy cotton in proportion to the amount of wheat they hand over to the "granai del popolo".

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Debate with Popolo: there is unrest among the Sicilian peasants because they want the Gullo law to be enforced.

2. Situation of the Milanese workers: a family of four people has to spend 12,715 lire a month (this in May 1945 while its expenses amounted to 4,790 lire in May 1944). The average salary of a technical worker is of 3,000 or 3,600 a month. The workers

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ask for a decrease of the cost of living. The technical organisms which collect and distribute rationed products must be democratized and controlled by the representatives of the trade unions to eliminate sabotage. (Ferdinando Santi)

3. Public health is improving. Less cases of infectious diseases. However T.B. and malaria are worse that they used to be because of the conditions created by war.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Commenting on Brosio's invitation to the parties to appoint their representatives to the Consulta, R.L. writes that the Consulta will mark the beginning of contacts between the people and the Government. Provinces will have the opportunity of expressing their wishes and the Govt will be informed of local

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conditions. But above all it will compell the people to take more interest in political, social and economic problems.

2. Only two sporting guns have been handed in in Apulia, reports R.L. Rioters are going about indisturbed. Now we know that in Apulia, and not only there, it is permitted to put on fire, to rob, to kill without being punished. Whoever protests against these methods is called a reactionary.

SECOLO XX (Economic)

1. Details on the trucks supplied by the Allies and how they are used.

2. Why does the Govt not include the Minister of Agriculture in the new Board of Economic Policy soon to be constituted?

3. All the refugees will be returned to Italy, thanks to the Allies, within the next 2 months.

4. Food situation in Lombardy.

5. Commercial relations with Spain.

6. The Minister of Transport reviews the rail situation in the North.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Andria, despite the apparent calm, is still full of arms of all descriptions. These must be collected before the citizens can go about in safety.

2. Denial that gold is about to be blocked in Italy. Nor is it true that the lira will not be exchanged in full when the new notes are issued.

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ideas of Dolfuss and Salazar and thinking of a clerical dictatorship. The anti-communist campaign is not encouraging and if it became a national policy it would be suicidal. The efforts of the C.Ds to break up the Socialist-Communist accord, the reactionary attitude of Aldisio in Sicily, the tendency to bring into political discussion the totally false element of religious persecution - these are not encouraging signs. If De Gasperi does not feel his party has the leadership it should have let him consider whether his own policies may not be to blame. (Togliatti)

2. Report from Puglia. Molinelli claims the stories of the unrest and the violent character of the people have been magnified by accounts in certain newspapers. Gives his story of his visit and his contacts.

3. Francesco Leone cites books and pamphlets circulated by clericals in the South and full of slanders about Communists. It is this sort of things, he says, which makes our sympathizers in the provinces very properly indignant.

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GENERAL

1. During yesterday's Council of Ministers it was decided that the Italian Govt would inform the Big Three, at Potsdam, about the desire of the Italian People to obtain as soon as possibile a new international status, worthy of the new anti-fascist and democratic Italy. Parri praised Barbareschi and Scoccimarro for their pacifying efforts in Puglie, and Romita for having immediately drawn up plans for important works. Scoccimarro stated that the causes of the Puglie incident lie in the unsatisfactory work of the Police against fascists and landowners.

Iacini sent a message to General Clark expressing the gratitude of all Italians to the brave Allied troops.

Bergami, Liberal, has been appointed High Commissioner for hygiene and Public Health, and Perrotti, Socialist, Commissario Aggiunto.

Carlo Bassano has been officially appointed Prefect of Rome.

It was furthermore decided to suppress death sentences.

Various decrees on changes in schools and on new ways of paying special premiums and on assistance, were also approved.

2. Cevolotto, speaking in Bari, said that there exists no wind of the North nor of the South, but only an Italian situation and consequently a Govt concerned about it. Parri, he said, has been called at the head of this Govt because he represents active antifascism at the service of free democratic Italy.

3. 470,000 false AM-lire discovered by the Police; the forger has been arrested.

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Iacini sent a message to General Clark expressing the gratitude of all Italians to the brave Allied troops.

Bergami, Liberal, has been appointed High Commissioner for hygiene and Public Health, and Perrotti, Socialist, Commissario Aggiunto.

Carlo Bassano has been officially appointed Prefect of Rome.

It was furthermore decided to suppress death sentences.

Various decrees on changes in schools and on new ways of paying special premiums and on assistance, were also approved.

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6. Milan strikers have been urged to go back to work. No incident took place during the demonstrations. Representatives of the workers were received by Col. Poletti who assured them that discussions were taking place in Rome in order to come to an agreement on increase of salaries; as for epuration in the SUPREAL, he told them, they must contact the Prefect; he furthermore stated that railway fares had been increased in order to put them on a same level as the fares in the south, and that the best means of fighting black market is of intrusting popular commissions with the control of prices. Answering the workers' questions he stated that 40 % of the workers is at present unemployed, and that it is absolutely impossible to import in northern Italy the 800,000 tons of coal per month which used to be imported during the German occupation. 6,000 tons will however be imported in the North in July, and most of it will be appointed to industries in Lombardy. The C.L.N.A.I. issued a communiqué stating the real situation of workers in Milan, and urging them to give all working activity to economic and material reconstruction; the communiqué ended by saying that the C.L.N. will always be able to support the interests of workers.

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authorized by the Allied authorities to go to Paris, Washington and London to expound the restitution of Alto Adige to Austria.

19. Gullo to leave today for Sicily in order to solve the delicate situation which has come about owing to suppression of the "mezzadria" decree. Aldisio to meet him on his arrival in Palermo. (ORBIS)

20. After a two days Congress - at which representatives of the Italian Merchant navy and of the Allied authorities were present - the "Compagnie Portuali" have come to the agreement that harbor dues be the same in all Italian ports.

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INDIPENDENTE

1. With the suppression of the sterile bureaucratic machinery of Fascist Unions, the Italian free Unions' movement has begun developping; but though we agree in believing that such a movement must maintain all its spontaneity, says Leopoldo Piccardi, all the same we realize that it must be disciplined and that this discipline must come from the new Ministry of Labour, whose main duty it is to issue new laws on labour. Welfare is the second field in which this ministry can and must develop its activity.

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And, last but not least, it must take an interest in employment - not unemployment - In this last field Beveridge's ideas should be carefully studied and selected.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO, RICOSTRUZIONE, TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO and VOCE REPUBBLICANA did not appear for lack of electric energy.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist) - N.N.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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3. Bolzano works make much more use of electric energy than of coal; therefore only raw materials are necessary; it is mostly a question of transport, says Globo.

4. Long article on help provided through UNRRA.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Commemoration of Matteotti and the Rosselli brothers in France and America. (Alberto Cianca)

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Epuration, second act. Again we hear repeated the formula of striking hard at the top and extending mercy to the lower ranks. This is very sound but the trouble is no one has defined what is the top, and until the distinction is clear millions of Italians will live in terror. Up to now epuration has been haphazard and capricious. We note with pleasure that Nenni in theory follows the line we recommended some time ago but we are waiting to see how well his actions correspond to his words. (Scrutator)

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MONTO - N.N.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. At a time when the whole press is unanimous in asking that schools be given back to children, the "Asili Agro Romano" have to close down for lack of funds. Why has the Commune of Rome stopped its subsidies ?

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

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GENERAL

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4. Italy has officially recognised the new Polish Govt.

5. It seems that Sforza will have the direction of the preparatory work for the formation of the Consulta. (ORBIS)

6. The Minister of Industry and Commerce denies the news according to which Italy was going to import coal from Spain.

7. General Cadorna received by Parri.

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8. Casandini, back in Rome from Milan, is studying with the Allied Military authorities the possibilities of repatriating from Great Britain the 150,000 Italian war prisoners. He stated to ANSA that discussions have already reached a good point and that it is mostly a matter of transport; the British authorities are however doing all they can to solve this problem.

9. Saragat was received by Blum.

10. A first group of Brazilian troops has left Naples.

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21. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs denies the U.P. news according to which members of the Italian Royal family had been expelled from Switzerland.

22. The Italian Press Federation declare itself opposed to the publication of all those newspapers which used to be at the service of Nazi-Fascism.

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23. Yesterday the three new undersecretaries took the oath at the Viminale.

24. "White" strike in Genoa. In Milan two bombs were thrown in the Mazzoni mechanical workshop; the machinery was damaged.

25. Gullo and Segni have arrived in Palermo where they were immediately received by Aldisio. (ANSA)

26. Borgese writes from America on the new Italian Govt which he analyzes and calls the "stabilization of instability". He speaks with regret of the exclusion of Italy from San Francisco but says that in America there is increasing awareness of Italy's importance in Europe and of her democratic possibilities.

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist) - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

1. The crisis of September 8th cannot be limited to single episodes such as the non-defence of Rome. We must keep in mind that the Italians had been fighting with the German and had been under the pressure of pro-German propaganda. To start fighting against yesterday's Allies on a single broadcast order was rather bewildering. This was a case of 'intellectual surprise', writes Nemo. Was it possible to defend Rome, and was the defence to take place near the city or at a distance? No one realized that Rome had little or no strategic value. But to have brought troops to Rome, thus modifying and even destroying a plan of action is the responsibility of Gen. Carboni who wasn't even able to gauge the situation or to make use of the means he disposed of.

2. It is a great exaggeration to say that the Parioli ought to be epurated with a machine gun. The authorities should keep an eye on the black market in this district, where prices are even higher than in Tor di Nona.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. For a fortnight, consumers were unable to buy salt, but now that the prices have risen, it can be found everywhere.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Party)

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1. The crisis of September 8th cannot be limited to single episodes such as the non-defence of Rome. We must keep in mind that the Italians had been fighting with the German and had been under the pressure of pro-German propaganda. To start fighting against yesterday's Allies on a single broadcast order was rather bewildering. This was a case of 'intellectual surprise', writes Nemo. Was it possible to defend Rome, and was the defence to take place near the city or at a distance? No one realized that Rome had little or no strategic value. But to have brought troops to Rome, thus modifying and even destroying a plan of action is the responsibility of Gen. Carboni who wasn't even able to gauge the situation or to make use of the means he disposed of.

2. It is a great exaggeration to say that the Parioli ought to be epurated with a machine gun. The authorities should keep an eye on the black market in this district, where prices are even higher than in Tor di Nona.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. For a fortnight, consumers were unable to buy salt, but now that the prices have risen, it can be found everywhere.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.N.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Federico Squarzina writes on the necessity of increasing production of Italian coal and lignite; the Sardinian coal mines, he writes, might produce much more if more workers could be had; it would then be necessary to have regular transport between the island and the mainland. He then goes on examining the possibilities of the various Italian coal and peat mines which are not being worked at all.

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4. Account of Parri's press conference rather mischievous in tone. Parri evaded the really delicate questions, according to I.N., particularly the question of whether Italians may call the Costituente when they like or must wait for Allied consent.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. On principle we are against workers' emigration, particularly now that so much manpower is wanted for the reconstruction of our country, writes Oreste Lizzadri. But, as things are now, emigration cannot be avoided. We ask that at least our workers go abroad with proper contracts and under the same conditions as other white workers of the area they are going to. We also think it most important that a trade unions representative accompany them in order to protect their interests and keep them linked to their home syndical organisations.

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2. Fate of the Italians in Istria: The Yugoslav have a control Commission in the Trieste and Gorizia areas, but the Allies didn't claim the same right. Nobody doubted their equity and yet they are being controlled, but they didn't ask to control, which

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means that they are washing their hands of the fate of 400,000 Italians. Meanwhile, the population is being transferred in mass. Tito is drafting Italian citizens which is an elementary violation of the right of people, for no State can enforce military conscription on the citizens of a defeated nation before a peace treaty has been signed. Even if Italy is guilty of all the offences of which she is charged, now that she has surrendered, the people she surrendered to have got to defend her. At least, this is what any police agent would do in the case of an offender. (Ferdinando Antoni)

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. Parri, arriving in Naples, was received by the prefect, the sindaco, Rodinò and the president of the local C.L.N.; he visited the destroyed zones of the town and then joined an economic meeting at the Camera del Lavoro. He then complimented the Neapolitans on the work of repair and reconstruction which has been carried on in the town since he last visited it a few months ago; he added that the Govt will give all the help it can to the town which he called "the Milan of the South".

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10. 200 police agents and 100 carabinieri raided the partisan post in Via dei Foraggi; 60 young men were captured and many documents sequestered.

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11. H.H. Lehman, general director of the UNRRA, who arrived in Rome on Sunday, was received by the Pope.

12. Of the 300 Romans who had been interned in the camp of Mauthausen, only 16 have survived.

13. Molè received a food commission of the C.L.N.A.I.

14. The Police paid surprise visits to 11 bakeries during the night; 900 kilos of white bread were discovered.

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the one concerned with sequestering of Fascist patrimony) and suppression of Vice-Commissioners and "flying Commissioners". It seems that this first reform will be followed by a second more substantial one, consisting in unification of legislation and creation of provincial organisms endowed with the necessary power to carry through rapidly all matters concerning sanctions against Fascism.

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26. According to "Il Lavoro Nuovo" of Genoa it seems that the Swiss Govt has put at the disposal of the town of Genoa. 4,000 tons of cereals and 1500 tons of tinned meat which are lying in Lisbon.

26. According to A.N.G. the rice harvest in the North of Italy will be sufficient for the whole country.

27. On the 15th the work for the formation of electoral lists will start in the North. (ANSA)

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28. The press-office of the C.L.N.A.I. states that, following the meetings which have been held in the presence of Ruini, Gronchi, Romita, Barbareschi, it has been agreed to grant to all workers of the north a special indemnity. (N.N.U.)

29. Serious incidents at Sinalunga-Siena-due to agrarian questions.

30. Uraguayans want to send relief to Italy.

31. Situation in Andria is not yet normal, and handing in of arms goes on very slowly.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. For an independent magistracy. There must be real epuration of this branch. Then the magistracy must be made non-political and economically independent. Finally its predominance over the police must be assured. These are things for Togliatti to think about, writes Arbiter.

2. The Undersecretariat for Press is abolished; it is to be hoped the spirit and the methods of that bureau have also vanished.

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4. Welfare expenses in Rome province have increased by ten times since last year.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Article by Giovanni Battista Boeri on the epuration of the Senate: the solution adopted was absurd; why should a hundred semi fascists be retained to save the institution ? The senators should all have been suspended till the Costituente decided about the fate of the Senate. Another possible solution was to epurate all those Senators who had not openly fought fascism.

2. Rehabilitation of the Abruzzo region by Tomaso Carini.

3. Italy's future is linked to that of peace and freedom in Europe. It seems that Western Europe is going towards a form of democracy which may be inspired by individualistic traditions, but which will get rid of the reactionary and capitalistic superstructures which prevent a sound and well ordered social development. Italy must endure present difficulties and look far ahead towards a world of freedom and democracy. (Sforza's speech)

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Allies and the country. (O. Lizzadri)

2. Lavoro attacks the landlords who try to refuse the indemnity to the porters and want to be able to throw out their tenants.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. Armed bands of so-called anti-fascists and fascists are bringing civil war all over the country. However they don't even have the courage to fight one another for the sake of their ideas. They carefully avoid one another and fight the same enemy: the police the carabinieri, the authority of the State. They are all enemies of the Italian nation and should be fought mercilessly.

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"German element" of Alto Adige should be consulted only so far as they are the wishes of those who in 1939 (when they were free to choose) opted for Italian citizenship. For the others there is room on the other side of the Brenner. (I. Zingarelli)

2. Naval bases and facilities granted to Russia by the Balkan states. This includes Fiume and "if possible" Trieste, according to UP dispatch. Tempo comments that this is not surprising however inconsistent with the ideals of San Francisco. But it seems a little daring on Tito's part to give away rights in Fiume and Trieste which no one has yet denied belong to Italy.

3. Article on the Separatist "army" (called EVIS) in Sicily.

4. Relations between Russian and American soldiers in Berlin are harmonious though there have been a few incidents, reports TEMPO.

UNITA' (Communist) - N.N.

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15. The Allied Command stated that some air force units will remain in the Mediterranean area to guarantee peace.

16. Lehman was received yesterday by the Luogotenente.

17. UNRRA will deliver to Italy another 50,000 tons of goods within the year, thus raising to 100,000 tons the total amount of relief distributed in 1945.

18. Details on the agricultural agreement on sharecropping reached in Sicily, are given; peasants and owners get between 40 and 50 % of the products according to the quantity produced.

19. It is rumored that De Gasperi may meet Churchill at Hendaye.

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2. Capitale writes on Marshal Smuts, whom it calls a true and great friend of Italy.

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2. The agricultural situation in the North is not too good because of the drought and the Germans.

3. There is a black market even for railway tickets. People can avoid waiting for hours before getting their ticket if they are willing to pay 1000 lire.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.N.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The town of Ventimiglia is now being considered French

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by the French, so that Italians going there from the neighbouring villages or towns, have to have a special permit. Further, Italians in Ventimiglia, having received their new ration cards with a small "fr" in a corner which no one noticed, are now considered French. This is probably a petty revenge, says Voce Repubblicana, on the part of the French for Mussolini's claims on Nice and Corsica. The French have forgotten that Italians have now killed Mussolini.

2. All that has been going on in Italy since the formation of the Parri Govt proves that it is high time to stop trying to make changes within the monarchy and to do away with it all together. The masses are exacerbated by this temporising policy rendered worse by black market which has now become entirely uncontrolable, says l'Osservatore. The country should be loyally directed towards choosing what kind of Republic it prefers. The fact that we are sorry that Nenni and Lussu are in the present Govt must not worry anyone; it only means that we would have prefered if they had waited to participate in our common work, which is the work for the good of the Italy of tomorrow.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Leader on the necessity of solving the political problem first of all. Such was the line of the French and Russian revolutions; technical problems can be solved as they turn up the main line of attack must be on the political front. For the Socialists it now focusses on the Costituente which ought to be convoked "within the year".

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Complete calm has returned to Val d'Aosta, where the people speak now of the French as if they had been there, not a few weeks ago, but in far gone years. What they now want, and are waiting for, is autonomy.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Rinaldo Betoni writes on the problems of sharecropping.

2. The agreement on salaries in the North will cost about 6 billion lire, one third of which will be paid by industrialists and two thirds by the State.

3. Article on the necessity, for Italy, of having an autonomous economic civilian aviation; much should be left to private initiative.

4. About one billion and 100 million lire will be necessary to build new "popular houses" in the outskirts of Rome.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The second Sicilian Regional Congress of the Action Party was opened in Siracusa last Sunday. Ugo La Malfa made a speech saying that Italy is going through the most difficult period of her history. The Government's consistent and strong activity will not be sufficient to overcome the various difficulties unless the people of every region of Italy give their tribute by understanding the situation.

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3. Article on the necessity, for Italy, of having an autonomous economic civilian aviation; much should be left to private initiative.

4. About one billion and 100 million lire will be necessary to build new "popular houses" in the outskirts of Rome.

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1. The second Sicilian Regional Congress of the Action Party was opened in Siracusa last Sunday. Ugo La Malfa made a speech saying that Italy is going through the most difficult period of her history. The Government's consistent and strong activity will not be sufficient to overcome the various difficulties unless the people of every region of Italy give their tribute by understanding the situation.

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2. Tourism must avoid going back to a centralising policy.

3. In Milan, it appears that people protest because

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'speculators' came from the South to buy their products: first of all this proves that they had still plenty of merchandise left while there is absolutely nothing in the South, then it is hard to believe that the men of the North philanthropically gave their goods away; they are only sorry that they couldn't get more money.

TEMPO (Independent)

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2. After yesterday's Council of Ministers De Gasperi stated that the Italian Govt has officially asked the Allies to change the Italian international status.

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public works, and stressed the urgency of carrying through disarmament of all civilians.

4. Yesterday morning Parri received Alexander Kirk.

5. French troops in Ventimiglia and in 14 adjoining communes, have been replaced by American troops. (EVENA)

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18. The American paper "Progresso Italo-Americano" publishes an article accusing the American military authorities of ill-treating Italian prisoners; the article ends expressing hope that civilian authorities will take steps to guarantee the rights of "these friends of our country".

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19. Not even this year will Italian State employees have any holidays.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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reconstructing buildings is insufficient. (Braidotti)

2. Very justly, Parri said that we could only get Allied help by proving that we are capable of working seriously. It is most unfortunate that everyone, including Parri's collaborators should interpret this excellent program in his own way. Incidents take place in Puglie for instance, and the Govt hasn't a word of blame, and even tries to justify them. Citizens are supposed to hand over their arms, and somebody suggests they might be bought from them at a good price to encourage them to obey the law. The various parties within the Govt disagree every day about the way to govern and the meaning of the word democracy.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. "Mezzadria" and reaction. The argument frequently advanced by the reactionaries is that giving the share-croppers a larger share of the profit would result in lowering production. This is surely nonsense. We hear too that the present system of "mezzadria" is traditional and there for good; as well say that the 10 hour working day or even malaria for that matter are good because they are - or were until recently - age-old and "traditional". As a matter of fact very often the claims of the tenants are opposed only

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by a small though vigorous group of landowners. The CGIL has never encouraged violence. It is commonly whispered that there is within the CGIL some difference among the parties on the line to take. This is not true, all decisions and programs of the CGIL are based on unanimous consent of all elements. (Oreste Lizzadri)

2. What is going to happen to Graziani? Here is a man the Italian nation certainly has the right and the duty to bring to trial, says AVANTI.

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1. No one can deny the importance of the contribution made

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by Italy to the fight against Nazi-Fascism. Anglo-American public opinion is getting more sympathetic. The nation must collaborate with the democratic Govt to enable Italy to reassume her rights and her international functions. This will be the best proof of the country's dignity and working capacity.

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1. Long article by Vincenzo Lucci on the situation of all firms in the north where disorder reigns.

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MOMENTO

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1. As Minister of the Costituente, Nenni has assumed a huge responsibility. He must see to it that the Italian nation is able to express its wish without obstacles or threats. His task consists in preparing a perfect machine which will register votes and wait for the verdict of the country. His personal convictions should not be apparent. Nevertheless before becoming a minister Nenni said the Costituente would have to give the result he wanted, otherwise there would be trouble. These were strange words coming from a democrat. But now, it appears that Nenni's words are becoming the law of the country. Commissions for study have been added to the Costituente and lead its steps. Has Nenni forgotten he is the Minister of the Costituente? And why summon the Costituente if the answers it will have to give are already prepared. The Costituente must be above suspicion.

MOMENTO

1. It seems that the sindaco and ex-prefect of Bolzano were authorized by the Allies to proceed to Paris, London and Washington as heads of the movement for the freedom of Southern Tyrol, to make propaganda for the restitution of Alto Adige to Austria. We do not know who these men are, nevertheless, it is very strange that propaganda in favour of an Alto Adige party, against Italy and in favour of an Austria which still has to come into being, should be allowed before the Potsdam meeting. This is enough to spoil our relations with Austria whose temporary Govt, installed by Russia hasn't even been acknowledged by Washington and London. We cannot believe that Austria which did nothing for the common cause, should be treated more favourably than Italy. The natural frontier between Italy and Austria was defined in 1919. To reopen the Brenner question would create new motives of conflict.

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As for the German speaking minority they will have nothing to fear if they choose to remain among us. (Flamirio)

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Umberto Tupini outlines the new democratic State, as the Christian Democrats want it to be after the "Costituente" is set up.

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2. Having visited industrial works in the north, R.L. writes on the functioning of the Administrative councils, and says that the presence of workers in these councils ensures a better and greater production.

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GENERAL

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5. The Minister of Post and tele-communication visited the provincial direction of Post and Telegraph; he expressed his

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satisfaction for the work carried out by his dependents and asked the whole personnel to collaborate with him in rapidly ensuring everyone peace and work.

6. Three employees of ENAC have been arrested in Naples for having granted false permits.

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19. The news according to which Italian prisoners were soon to be repatriated, is false. (REUTER from London)

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20. The new Swiss Minister to Italy has been appointed.

21. News that all Public Safety functionaries who remained in duty after the 8th of Sept were to be epurated is denied.

22. The Ministry of War announces that a "diploma d'onore" will be awarded to those who fought most bravely in the war for the liberation of the country.

23. Between 40 and 50 thousand Italians have been repatriated from Yugoslavia. (A.P.)

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Accomodation problem in the post war period. Small cheap lodgings are lacking. Because of this, flats are being sub-let and overcrowded. The problem of small lodgings is closely linked with that of hygiene.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Article on stabilization and deflation of currency by Antonio Manes. To leave circulation as it is at present would mean leaving a large amount of money which cannot be used because it is being hoarded to be spent in better times. The State will still be in debt for several years for it has to cope with reconstruction. It is obvious that the present high prices would but increase the debts of the State. Italy's imports will be much larger than her exports during the next few years. The present prices and circulation would prevent us from getting the rate of exchange at present granted by the Allies. Any monetary operation will have to be based on a deflation tendency. It is only by enforcing lower prices that we can prevent prices from rising.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Avanti is of the opinion that the problem of epuration of Senators should be reexamined.

2. Subalpino writes a short biography of the new Minister Berbareschi.

3. Felice Romano examines the situation of the Previdenza Sociale and suggests various reforms.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Gino De Sanctis writes on the Riviera; ten kilometres from the rubble of Genoa, the bases of international friendship and understanding are being laid; politics are forgotten in swimming races and dances, under the warm purifying sun.

2. American film industrialists have arrived in Rome.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. The problem of unemployment appears very serious, says Mario Saibante; even by the most optimistic calculations it is foreseen that at least two million workers, in the North alone, will remain without work, after the arrival, in autumn, of coal and raw materials. There are three ways of avoiding disaster; continue to pay wages even to those workers who do not work; a vast program of public works, and as great as increase as possible of coal and raw materials.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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immediately allotted to the unemployed of the North, the problem of helping the workers of the South merely "may be shortly taken into consideration". Has not the South helped the Italian Govt to participate in the fight for the liberation of the North ? Is the South not suffering too for lack of work and assistance?

2. Lucifero writes on the dangers of deforestation.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Comments on the meeting of the interministerial committee for reconstruction with the delegates of the C.L.N.A.I. and the Allied authorities. It is to be hoped that a concrete solution will soon be reached, for one of the main causes of our economic sufferings has been the lack of such a coordination. The words North and South have no reason to be; industry of the North means supplies for all Italy, labour of the South means prosperity and well being for all Italy.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. We are told that in many parts of Central Italy groups of self-appointed agents, most of them wearing a red handkerchief,

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compel farmers and owners to impose a sharecropping system more favourable to farmers, writes R.L. Apart from the fact that such a division is anti-economic and that also the popular masses supported by Communists will suffer from it, this is entirely unlawful. The respect of law, which is essential if we want the country to go back to normality, has nothing to do with reaction.

2. Detailed account of Schio slaughter.

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One of the five partisans tried by the A.M.G.Court of Justice of Milan, has been condemned to death. (A.P.)

6. Curfew has been lifted in Livorno.

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8. Soleri and Persico, Minister and Undersecretary of the treasury, have left for Milan.

9. The first passport for an American businessman to come over to Italy on private business has been granted. (U.P.)

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2. Mario Leoni praises the good taste with which the Museum of Ostia, which was opened a few days ago, has been arranged, and makes a rapid survey of the works of art therein contained.

3. Bruto addressed Brigadier Dunlop, and says the words he pronounced after the slaughter of Schio, were hard and courageous: perhaps the first words, after centuries of history, which have

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been thrown at our faces with such frankness; hard because we deserved them; courageous because surely every Italian was tempted for a second to throw them back at him.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist) - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Article by G. Pelanti on the rehabilitation of agriculture. The 'bonifiche' will have to be intensified.

2. When we go out we never know whether we shall ever come home again. Drivers acknowledge no law and have no sense of responsibility. Policemen lack authority. Allied vehicles are responsible for a good part of the incidents which take place daily.

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2. We feel morally nearer a sincere monarchist than one of

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these numerous democrats who declare themselves republicans only because they believe such is the attitude expected from them at the present moment. But all the same, says Ugo della Seta, we must denounce a certain monarchist press which uses, for its propaganda, arguments based on the ignorance of the people. The writer goes on complaining because Mazzini has been described, by the monarchich press, as an atheist, a materialist and a corrupter of the masses.

3. Dino Leggave writes on the complete downfall of the Italian army and makes several suggestions for its reorganisation.

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higher cost of production justify a change in share-cropping methods, said Sansoni, president of the Confida. The Confida will study details, but not the basic institution of "mezzadria".

7. Article giving figures and details on the present condition of Italian refineries; only one out of seven is in working condition.

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3. It appears that a few jam and preserves manufacturers of the South are making use of Allied tins, without having them previously sterilized.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. By declaring war on Japan, Italy wants to prove concretely that she is collaborating with the United Nations. This should win us the sympathy of other countries. The main obstacle to our

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international rehabilitation lies more in the lack of sympathy in the public opinion of foreign countries, than in treacherous calculations.

MOMENTO

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2. M. asks for the names of the spies of the Ovra to be published.

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2. A propos of Gen. Dunlop's deprecation of the Schio incidents, Secolo XX agrees with those who believe that such a comment, even in stronger terms, should have come from the Italian Govt.

3. The new declaration of war will be a new testimony of Italy's firm will resume her place among the forces which are fighting against dictatorship, writes Secolo XX.

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4. The system of water should be made more rational in Central and Southern Italy.

5. Commenting on the Yugoslav declaration that Trieste and Salonica are essential to Yugoslavia, Secolo XX writes that all possible facilities should be given to the Yugoslavs in the port of Trieste as they were given in the port of Salonica. But in the latter, the traffic was only about 15 - 20 tons a year before the war.

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10. Typographers protest against the high cost of living.

11. Drivers using their cars outside the areas for which they have permits, particularly on Sundays and other holidays,

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the possibility of prejudicing the future of the territory under discussion by favouring any one side in a "de facto" administration. (REUTER)

20. It seems that Northern Italy will supply fresh fruit to Switzerland.

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31. A delegation of the C.G.I.L. to leave for Russia on the 22nd.

32. In Avellino the prefect ordered the requisition of those bakeries whose owners refused to grant increase of salaries to their workers.

33. All doctors who have graduated between 1941 and 1944 to be mobilised.

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34. Iajici stated that recruiting for war against Japan will be volunteer.

35. Manure to be distributed to peasants of Rome province.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

1. Mario Gaja insists on the necessity of preparing Italy for tomorrow's touristic rebirth.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.M.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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2. The Ministry of the Costituente has been attacked very violently by people who do not understand that in Italian administration - in which the various branches only meet at the top (that is, at the presidency of the Council) - it was necessary,

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in order to institute the Costituente, to have a ministry for it. (M. Severo Giannini)

3. There is no danger that the Ministry of the Costituente may become a bureaucratic organism, as long as Nenni is the Minister at the head of it, says Avanti.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Nenni has begun his work as High Commissioner for Fascist crimes, by "depoliticising" his office and placing three magistrates at the head of the three vice-Commissariats; he has acted wisely, but this does not mean, says Sforza, that we acted unwisely when last year we entrusted such jobs to politicians; the situation has changed since then. Last year it was necessary to affirm the solidarity of the various political currents, while now on the contrary - particularly after the events in the North - it is necessary to have rapid and legal sentences. It is particularly necessary now that our prisoners and deportees are returning home; we must show to them, who have suffered much more than we can possibly immagine, that crimes are severely punished.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Roberto Lucifero having recalled the failure of the League of Nations, wonders whether San Francisco, Dumbarton Oaks, the Atlantic Charter, do not represent other such failures. Do the Big Three who are meeting at Potsdam realize the responsibility with which they are faced ?

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2. May our British and American friends not be hurt if we express joy for the abolition of the P.W.B. Yes, we are happy the P.W.B. does not exist any longer, because its disappearance represents for us the end of a period during which Rome was under strict Allied control. (Babouf)

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. At present, it is in the interest of all workers to increase production. When making their claims, the workers must first of all try to achieve the best possible living conditions, but they must also see that the firm is able to carry on and develop its activity. The most important thing is to prevent capitalists from making too great a profit. This profit must be limited to a minimum or, if possible, annulled. When this aim is attained, the workers have to limit their own claims, to assure the continuity of work. The workers know how to conciliate class interest with the general interest of the country. Many employers, however, do not realize that their activity can no longer be subordinated to the realization of an immediate profit. In the country, the great landowners reject the just claims of the farmers, and hope to solve the question by means of the Carabinieri. If landowners and employers have no sense of moderation, the consequences might be rather unpleasant. (G. Di Vittorio)

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1. All agricultural contracts were made for some reason; to modify all sharecropping contracts seems irrational. Besides, the sharecroppers are certainly not among the victims of the present crisis. They are not workers with a fixed income they participate in all the profits of the farm. They are actually more favoured than the landowner, for many expenses (taxes, maintenance, etc.) weigh only on the landowner while the profit they can make out of poultry, pigs, etc. is often entirely theirs.

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No one can be expected to administer a concern with the intention of losing by it. If the situation of the landlords gets too difficult, they will simply dismiss their sharecroppers and manage their land themselves. The abolition of 'mezzadria' would be a step backwards. Why try and create a state of unrest among the most favoured category of farmers? This might only benefit the parties which whish to create an enormous and characterless proletarian mass on which a collectivist society may be founded. (Ricimero)

SECOLO XX (Finance)

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. The real problem of Trieste, writes Marco Cesarini, is not between Italian and Slovenes, who have formed a solid and

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lasting friendship, but between the hard working, honest population of the town, comprising both Italians and Slovenes, and, on the other hand, a minority of big business men, industrialists, bankers, ship-owners, etc. - of indifferent nationality - but all of Fascist tendencies, who are more concerned with their own safety than with that of the city. The real Trieste, he concludes, is essentially democratic, willing to belong to a democratic Italy, but at the moment vitally worried by the immediate problem of how to avoid the threat of starvation and unemployment.

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11. Italian war prisoners in Great Britain will be repatriated by the British new Govt, after the harvest is over.

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12. 8 billion lire, which had been deposited by the Germans in the Italian banks, have been recovered by the financial division of the A.M.G. Part of this money has been allotted to various Italian towns and to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (ANSA)

13. Lizzadri, interviewed by ANSA, said that the immediate plans of the C.G.I.L. are concerned with granting all workers a "premio di liberazione", solving the problem of sharecropping and increasing unemployment indemnity.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Italians ought to count more on their own forces and start working; it would be more dignified, and foreign nations, including the Allies, would be compelled to respect them. The Govt is doing what it can for the country. The time has come for us to cope with our problems. The Allies expect us to show a greater spirit of initiative. Our unfortunate situation may explain may things, but not lack of dignity and of sense of responsibility. We must face reality, because only our work can assure the future of a free nation. (Mario Grisolia)

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3. Three quarters of the town of Benevento have been reduced to a heap of rubble, 22000 people have been living for two years without a roof, without any personal belongings.

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Why doesn't Ruini visit Benevento? (Francesco Romano)

4. Dr. Andrea Gentile writes on the necessity of saving Italian children from the illnesses which are awaiting them, by nourishing them better.

MORNING PAPERS

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2. La Malfa has returned from the North where he studied the condition of Italian railways.

3. It is rumored that in today's Council of Ministers the Minister of Education will suggest the appointment of Raimondini as general director. Yes, says I.L., Raimondini has much in his

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favour; he was Parini's and Bottai's "uomo di fiducia". We hope that the Council will not listen to Arangio Ruiz.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Many of the incidents which have taken place in Italy lately have been due to the unsettled position in which Italy finds herself. We hope that the Big Three will put an end to this state of affairs, and let us know, says Enzo Selvaggi, whether we are expected to build our own future ourselves, or whether we must depend on international decisions.

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1. The situation in Trieste is still very serious and yet the Govt. seems to take very little interest in it, though it has plenty of motives for intervening. Why is it so easy for people coming from Yugoslavia to enter Trieste or Pola, while it is almost impossible to enter Venezia Giulia coming from Italy? Why hasn't P.W.B. allowed the C.L.N. to publish a paper, while Tito has been authorized two dailies? The Govt ought to prove its

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existence by doing something.

2. Prices diminish everywhere but in restaurants.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. It is all very well to bring about the unification of the North and South from the economic point of view, but it won't be much good unless political unification is reached too; the Secretaries of State should be persuaded that there must be no strong delimination between the various Ministries.

2. Italy is threatened with starvation and yet the Govt does not seem to take any action. A year has been lost already, and we cannot afford to lose any more time.

3. Sugar refineries haven't been too much damaged in Northern Italy.

4. S. XX complains that there are too many Ministries.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Italian working classes are not earning sufficiently. They cannot live more than ten days on their monthly salary and therefore have to sell everything they possess. The Govt must take firm and strong measures to reduce prices at once because Italians cannot continue as at present.

2. The Separatist Movement is still strong in Sicily. Seperatists declare that at the forthcoming elections they will not allow a single Sicilian to vote unless their movement is represented.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Polish Corps should be made to leave Italy at once. Follows long list of alleged atrocities said to have been committed by Poles against Communists in the Marche.

2. Necessity of continuing the fight against tuberculosis.

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2. The A.C. announces that no foundation whatsoever exists in recently published reports that the Allied Authorities have given

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permission for the former prefect and the former mayor of Bolzano to proceed to Paris, London and Washington for political purposes.

3. The Milan paper "Il giornale Lombardo" says that Parri is trying to solve the problem of the partisans by inducing them to volunteer for the war in the far East. The paper goes on stating that though the number of Italian troops to go to the Pacific has not yet been fixed, it is supposed that the air force will provide a fair contribution. (I.N.S.)

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18. Bergami visits the provincial orphanage.

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19. A lottery in favour of the Italian Red Cross and of the ENDSI to start shortly in Central and Southern Italy.

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21. It seems that Italy and Denmark may be admitted as members of the UNRRA organisation. (A.P.)

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32. Togliatti received a commission of porters.

33. The population of Fiume is faced with starvation. (ORBIS)

34. Libera Stampa gives a first list of members of the OVRA.

35. Francesco Saverio Nitti is today 77 years old.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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Italian magistrature complete independence of action; but the new Minister of Justice must keep in mind two things, says the republican paper; he must first of all see that new camarillas and pleting don't take the place of old ones, as, after all, magistrates are just men like all the others; secondly, he must solve the very tragic financial condition of all magistrates; he did mention the fact, but at the same time he immediately rendered it still more complicated by stating that more personnel would be appointed in order to face the administration of Justice. We wont discuss the problem of how this new personnel will be chosen, says V.R., but we wonder if it really is necessary to have new personnel.

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2. Article on the necessity of increasing production of cereals.

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3. 240 million yards of textiles to be put on sale.

4. Figures on first repairs to provincial roads.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Reproduction of Omodeo's radio speech in which he asks Jacini, Minister of war, whether he has taken any steps to put an end to the frauds daily carried out against the institutional truce im the army, in the navy and in the air-force. We agree, says Omodeo, that the King represented the emblem of Italianity until a few years ago, but not now, after all that has happened. Why should the army still look up at the man who has betrayed the country ? Italia Libera, in a few lines of comment, agrees entirely with Omodeo's point of view.

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3. Landowners must realize that it is useless for them to defend their position unless they mean to create incidents, and that there is no point in negotiating agreements which do not satisfy the just claims of the peasants, for they will remain unenforced.

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TEMPO (Independence)

1. Leader on the recent manifestations of big differences of opinion between Communists and Christian Democrats. It is important for the life of the country, says Mirelli, that these two parties, which between them contain the masses of Italy, should relax their recent stiffening towards each other and work in harmony.

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2. "Disco Rosso" hopes the Govt will make new arrangements with the Allies to supply such things as milk, petrol, etc. to the population, now that AMG is winding up. Black marketeers are already raising their prices for the anticipated shortage of Allied goods.

3. Von Weizsacker wants to leave the Vatican and return to Germany.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The older soldiers who have been fighting on and off for 10 years should be demobbed at once and helped back to a normal civilian life.

2. Text of a letter sent to Bonomi (when Head of the Govt) by the people of Trieste, expressing their disgust for the reactionary press campaign carried out in Italy to their disadvantage. Trieste, confirms UNITA's Special Correspondent Cesarini, is quiet and orderly. The Yugoslav Army did not carry out any of the alleged atrocities or deportations, with the exception of a few Fascists, and on the whole did not get on badly with the population.

3. Italy should be allowed to participate in the World Youth Congress to be held in London in August.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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11. De Gasperi received the perfect of Bolzano to discuss the condition of the town.

12. As disorders have continued in Turin for the reappearance of the "La Stampa" the Allied Command has interrupted the publication of all news papers in the town.

13. General strike in Trieste, probably as sign of protest against the recent arrears carried out by the Allies.

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14. Parri, Brosio, Scoccimarro, Gronchi and Barbareschi met yesterday to discuss the functions of the Ministry of Labour and Welfare.

15. One of the Italian partisans under trial in Milan has been sentenced to death by the Allied Court of Justice.

16. The Venice paper "Il Gazzettino" has appeared again. (ANSA)

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28. It is announced that an Allied air-craft-carrier will shortly carry, gratuitously, Italian refugees who from the North and the Centre of the country have to go southward.

29. About 600 ex hierarchs have been deprived of the right to vote.

30. 17 ambulance cars have arrived in Rome from America, provided by "American Relief for Italy"; ENDSI has been charged with their distribution to Italian hospitals.

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31. It seems that the 1428 Italians living in Belgian Congo are very well treated; only 40 of them are in concentration camps, where they can, however, live with their families. (ANSA)

32. Members of the C.L.N.A.I. went to Schio to gather all possible information on the tragic event which took place in the town prison. (ANSA)

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The chronicle of internal policy does not sound very encouraging. There is complete lack of discipline in the question of "ammassi", the Govt, which claims to be of national union, is quite incapable of creating such union. The strike of the Neapolitan landlords is another proof of indiscipline. Lizzadri's article in Il Lavoro also proves that the Govt is disintegrating.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Great quantities of German machinery have been found in Lombardy; article giving figures and details.

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2. Blankets and clothing have arrived from America; plans for distribution of this material, which amounts to 50 tons, are under study. (ORBIS)

3. Article on the possibilities of sea transport between various Italian ports and between the islands and the mainland.

4. Belgium is looking for specialised coal miners; the Belgian Govt has asked the Italian Govt if it could provide part of the 30,000 workers that Belgium needs.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Enzo Selvaggi writes on Italy's position at Potsdam, which, he says, must be considered under three different points of view, namely; her international status, the problem of her national territories and the problem of her colonies. There is however, he adds, another point which must not be forgotten; that of economic international relations connected with the problem of war reparations.

2. So producers refuse to give the wheat to the "ammassi"? But those who do not do their duty are certainly not the big landowners, because, controlled as they are by Communist and Socialist unions and syndicates and what nots, they would not dare do anything but the absolutely right thing. So those who don't do their duty must evidently be small farmers; and it is generally known that small farmers are very fond of red, whether

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2. Radio speech by Giulio Buttiocci, member of the Directing Committee of the National Union of Medium Schools, on scholastic reform, given in full; it is a duty of democratic Italy, he said, to see that teachers are assured a dignified economic and juridic position.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Enzo Selvaggi writes on Italy's position at Potsdam, which, he says, must be considered under three different points of view, namely; her international status, the problem of her national territories and the problem of her colonies. There is however, he adds, another point which must not be forgotten; that of economic international relations connected with the problem of war reparations.

2. So producers refuse to give the wheat to the "ammassi"? But those who do not do their duty are certainly not the big landowners, because, controlled as they are by Communist and Socialist unions and syndicates and what nots, they would not dare do anything but the absolutely right thing. So those who don't do their duty must evidently be small farmers; and it is generally known that small farmers are very fond of red, whether under the form of flags or of handkerchiefs to tie round their necks. (Babeuf)

3. Many people still speak in whispers as if fearing that even walls had ears; they are not entirely wrong, because even now, under a democratic regime, arbitrary actions are often carried out in the name of justice, says Dodo.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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2. In Sicily the workers of the sulphur mines have gone on strike and been supported by the C.G.I.L. The manufacturers have stiffened in an attitude of hostility, and refused to give them better wages. Life of Sicilian miners is unbearable.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. The situation in Sardinia, by Vincenzo Sechi. Crops are bad, cattle is dying; industry lacks fuel. The problem of transport is very serious; it is almost impossible to transport the cattle on the continent so as to remove it from the zones where the epidemics are raging. During last winter, meat, cheese and cork couldn't be shipped to the mainland. On the other hand, Sardinia cannot receive the products which she needs so much.

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SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Italy's rehabilitation depends mostly on our possibility of organising labour, writes Danilo De Micheli. Private initiative

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should be encouraged and social atmosphere should be such as to inspire confidence to those who are willing to take initiatives.

2. Secolo XX complains about the heavy bureaucracy which is being set up by the new Govt. In its opinion neither the Ministry of the "Costituente" nor that of the "Consulta" were needed.

3. Nothing is being done for Ravenna province, which is one of the most devastated of Emilia, writes D. Pasolini. Figures of damage are given.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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4. Two ships loaded with various relief material for Italy, have left New York. (A.P.)

5. Postmen have at last been granted to have a holiday on Sundays.

6. A Yugoslav census has shown that three quarters of the population of Zara is Italian. (CRBIS)

7. It seems that by August lifts will function again.

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8. It seems that Italy will receive by Nov. 100 million dollars worth of goods, thanks to one of the clauses of the Lend-Lease Law. (A.P. from Washington)

9. Following agreements approved by the A.M.G. all Turin newspapers will be published again starting today. (ANSA)

10. Strikes took place in Ravenna, Faenza and Pistoia to protest against lack of work and to ask for increase of salaries.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. According to Vincenzo Mazzei, the problem of relations

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between the left-democrats and the Socialists can only be solved by a deeper conviction, on both sides, that the two need each other in order to attain social progress.

INDIPENDENTE

1. What is wrong with the Italian political atmosphere of today is the complete absence of the young. They don't, in any way, express their opinion nor their will nor their ideals; and this, says Enrico Peresse, is very bad; the nation must know what the young classes think and want; before fascism university students used to gather round well-known professors, and hold meetings and, in every possible way, let the country know what they thought of the various problems the nation was faced with. Today's youth must wake up, because there can be no future for us unless the young people show us the way.

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1. Corrado Cirincione writes on the financial condition of the Italian State; it is necessary, he says, that Italians learn to work again (they have forgotten how to, under the Fascist regime); many useless offices must disappear: it is not so important to revaluate the lira as it is to stabilise it; the problem of war damage must be faced with courage and without further delay; coal and raw materials must be provided somehow. Will the men who are at present leading the nation, be able to save it from disaster ? We shall see within the next few months, ends C.C.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist) - N.N.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Parri said, a few weeks ago, that private initiative must start functioning again so that the people may show their honesty and generosity and serenity which are a guarantee of a will to resurrect. But, says Globo, it is not easy, after twenty years of dictatorship, for private initiative to find its way about. The Govt should begin by giving the good example, and show that it is capable of some initiative, specially in the fields of public works, communication, regulation of markets, etc. Private initiative based on "honesty, generosity and serenity" can only exist in a State which is conscious of its duties and of its social mission.

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looking at the tragic reality by which we are surrounded. We might even say that we really are much worse off than we were 13 months ago, because then we were full of good hopes and we believed that the future would have improved the situation. Italy's participation in the war against Japan makes us hope again, but what scares us is the evident intention of the so called mass parties to hurry too much to get out of what they call a temporary political order. We agree with Nenni that the Costituente must be formed as soon as possible, but is he sure that in November the situation will be such as to allow the elections for the Costituente to take place? Doesn't he realize that the masses of unemployed will probably be more willing to march against the palaces of the Govt than to the ballot-box ?

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2. The working masses have lost their bearing, and have grown apathetic from the political point of view, for they are disheartened after so many years of failure. These masses must be made to fight

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in order to have their claims come true.

3. It seems that shoes are to be distributed. Distribution will have to be strictly controlled and prices low.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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2. According to Unità the demonstration of protest for the publication of "La Stampa" was orderly and no damage was done to the typography.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. On his arrival in Milan Nenni stated to Morandi, president of the C.L.N.A.I., that the organisation of the Ministry of the Costituente is just starting; that, more than a Ministry, it really is a centre of propaganda set up to call the attention of the country on the importance of the problems it will have to solve through the Costituente. Many seem to believe that the only problem is that of "monarchy or republic", and don't realize that this is only the first of a long series; the Costituente will also have to face the two main problems concerning the economic reform of the country: agrarian and industrial reforms, said Nenni. Questioned when he thought the Costituente could begin to come into existence, he said that at soon as Allied administration in the North comes to an end, the "pre-costituente" period will start. The length of this period will depend on national and international circumstances, he ended.

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4. Italy's declaration of war on Japan seems to have made a very good impression in Washington; America has recognised the advisability of having a well armed Italy capable to face any event. (I.N.S. from Potsdam)

5. Don Sturzo to return to Italy. (ORBIS)

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6. More numerous arrests in Florence.

7. Switzerland seems to have refused to hand over Bastianini to the Yugoslav authorities. (I.N.S.)

8. Switzerland is studying a plan to give back to Italy all that Italian railway material which, for some reason or other, is in Switzerland.

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2. Ignazio Silone, interviewed by a foreign news agency said that the question of amalgamating the Socialist and the Communist parties is not yet ripe, but that no Socialist is contrary to such a plan.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.E.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. The Pope received a mission of American journalists, and, speaking to them in English, stressed the necessity of being accurate in giving news, for a mistake, he said, or a news given too soon, may have, especially in moments of crisis, very serious influence.

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4. Peasants and landowners are waiting for the reconstruction loan.

5. 30,000 families of refugees are looking for houses in Rome and cannot find them.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Having interviewed the inspector Miss Edana List, p.v. writes on the work done so far in Rome by the "International Relief and Rescue Committee" for relief to political refugees.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The second scolding we have received by Dunlop might have been avoided, says I.N. commenting on the strike in Venice.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. In the absence of a legal parliament, the voice and

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action of the Govt represent the only way at our disposal to try to guess what happens in Italian political and economic fields. But unhappily very often the communiqués issued by the various Ministries are different one from the other; which of them should we believe, asks Secolo XX ?

2. More on the tragic situation in Sardinia.

3. It is rumored that when the change of currency takes place on 10 per cent of all sums will be changed into shares of the State loan.

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3. We must reconstruct Italy by our own work, said Ruini speaking on Sunday in Florence; he then added that war damage, in the country, amounts to over 200 billion lire.

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4. Marcello Soleri, Minister of the Treasury died suddenly yesterday in Turin. His funerals will be held in Turin today at 13 hours, it was decided yesterday at a special meeting of the Council. Parri, Nenni, Brosio and Cattani have left for Turin. (ORBIS)

5. The American "official" plan on the future of Italian colonies (See Digest of the 22, under General No. 3.) must not be considered as interpreting the British point of view. The only point, says a spokesman of British official circles, which might give an inkling of the British point of view on the matter, is represented by Eden's statement that Cirenaica will not be forced to return under Italy's domination. (REUTER from LONDON)

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9. It seems that all postal service has been temporary suspended in Trieste, owing to accumulation of mail in all distributing centres. (TENJUG)

10. A huge riot in Regina Coeli. 2400 prisoners have revolted. Togliatti visited the prison yesterday morning and received a group of representatives of the prisoners who told him that they are displeased with the too lengthy time which always goes by before trials. According to the latest news it appears that many prisoners are being evacuated from Regina Coeli and sent to other prisons.

11. The British military Court has started in Bari the trial against the Italian General Bellomo, guilty of having participated in the murder of a British prisoner [illegible]

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10. A huge riot in Regina Coeli. 2400 prisoners have revolted. Togliatti visited the prison yesterday morning and received a group of representatives of the prisoners who told him that they are displeased with the too lengthy time which always goes by before trials. According to the latest news it appears that many prisoners are being evacuated from Regina Coeli and sent to other prisons.

11. The British military Court has started in Bari the trial against the Italian General Bellomo, guilty of having participated in the murder of a British prisoner of war in 1941.

12. It seems that the A.C. has urged the Italian Govt to hold the elections for the Costituente as soon as possible, so that the Assembly may pronounce itself either in favour or against monarchy. It is furthermore added that the armistice clauses do not forbid these election. (A.P.)

13. During a ceremony in the Quirinale 13 American officers have been awarded Italian hnours.

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14. The Camera del Lavoro of Pesaro has informed the C.G.I.L. that disorders have broken out among the sharecroppers of the province owing to unwillingness, on the part of landowners, to come to new agreements on the division of wheat.

15. Most papers carry long biographical articles in praise of Soleri.

16. All Italians can receive from America up to 1000 dollars per month. (U.P.)

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2. Article by Carlo Petrocchi on the sharecropping contract.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. What will happen to Italy after Potsdam? The most contradictory rumours are being circulated. The interior situation is clearer but just as bad. In Sicily Parri made an entirely negative speech. He didn't mention superior reasons of State, but spoke as Minister of the Interior and Chief of the police. Commenting on Nenni's appeal to the Potsdam conf. A.P. points out that the Allied Commission hasn't yet decided whether the 'monarchich question must be decided by the Costituente or by a Plebiscite'. When dealing with the Allies, it is a bad system to make promises and not keep them (as, for instance, to promise not to make speeches and then get arrested for speaking in public). We must know how to say no to the Allies when it is necessary to do so, but when we have agreed to something, we have to stick to it. At present, our main problem is how to free ourselves from the shackles of the armistice and of the A.C.; then we must clear up the political situation. Formed as it is, the Govt cannot give us any collective program. A common program can only be prepared by those parties that chose the republic. (R. Pacciardi)

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2. First of a series of articles by Francesco Fausto Nitti on the heroic struggle of Italian anti-Fascists in France during the clandestine period.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. The Govt should insist more with the Allies on the matter of Italian war prisoners. Could it not be possible to have news at least of the so numerous Italiens who are in Russia, and about whom nobody knows anything, not even if they are dead or alive? We hope, ends Arrigo Jacchia, that the problem of war prisoners will not be forgotten at Potsdam.

GLOBO (Economic)

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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public force are still arresting members of trade unions because they exercise their legitimate and public activity, is most ... and disquieting.

2. A delegation of the C.G.I.L. is leaving for Russia. Ever increasing solidarity between Soviet and Italian workers.

LIBERA STAMPA - N.N.

MOMENTO

1. Commenting on Petain's trial, M. says that nobody is mistaking official France for the French nation. We only hope that Italy will be judged with the same equanimity, and that no one will ask her to answer as a block for what has been done by Fascism. The Italy of the partisans must not be forgotten.

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4. Commercial negotiations with Switzerland might proceed more speedely if our representatives were allowed by the Allies more freedom of action.

5. 1,000 tons of wool are expected to arrive in Northern Italy by September.

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6. The Ciss Viscosa plants in via Prenestina started functioning again yesterday.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Tricarmo Corbino on the necessity of filling up Italy's empty coffers. The Govt should make strenuous efforts to gather all the taxes and surtaxes which are due to the State, whether derived from property, inheritance, consumption, etc. In this respect the right of private property must be reintegrated, and liberty of movement returned, otherwise we shall never arrive at the Costituente.

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7. The change of banknotes will cost the Italian State about 10 billion lire, stated Persico.

8. 2278 Police agents have been epurated in the North.

9. 80 Italians, charged with smuggling out of Switzerland Swiss watches to sell them in Italy, arrested by the Swiss Police. The Milan paper "Libertà" asks the Swiss Govt to hand these prisoners over to the Italian police, as they are mostly children and women.

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10. Parri, Nenni, Brosio, Scoccimarro and Romita presided a meeting of the C.L.N. in Turin. Parri spoke of the difficult period the whole of the country is going through and pointed out the importance of the work which has to be carried on by the C.L.N. He then stressed the necessity of facing the continuos changes which occur in the popular masses. Speaking of the economic problem he said that it is necessary to put into circulation again the several billion lire which private citizens are hoarding. He finally urged the members of the C.L.N. to help in every way the "ammassi".

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Paresce then goes on giving a brief history of the many ways in which the island has been illtreated by Italian Govts, pre-Fascist and during the twenty years of dictatorship. Now it is absolutely necessary that Sicilians, aware as they are of having been in turn forgotten or taken advantage of, should feel at last that Rome is taking an interest in their condition and is doing all that is possible to come to their help.

2. The "Aragno" should return to its function of literary and political meeting place of the capital, says Sancho.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. July 25th might have been a great day for Italy, but when Fascism collapsed, the reactionary classes feared the popular forces. The Costituente will have to condemn those who are truly responsible.

2. The intransigency of landowners makes it impossible to come to a fair agreement with sharecroppers.

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. Publishes an article by E.E. Mower, criticising Anglo American policy in Italy. It must be remembered that the British leaders made the present war possible by supporting Italian, German and Spanish fascism. The Allied haven't eliminated the fascists; they should have put aside the 'traitors of the House of Savoia till the complete liberation of the territory and instead a series of puppet Govts have to take their oath to the Lieutenant.

MOMENTO

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UNITA' (Communist) - N.N.

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R8/PRB July 26, 1945.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. Commenting on Italy's declaration of war on Japan the B.B.C. says that the Italian Govt is at present doing all that is in its power to free the country from the isolation in which it had been thrown by three years of war beside Germany; Italy is now almost an ally, and therefore one of the United Nations, but, juridically, she still is an enemy. (I.N.S.)

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14. It has been officially stated that during the month of August the industries of the North will receive 180,000 tons of coal from the Allies. (U.P.)

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15. In Sondrio the population has been without bread for four days.

16. In the presence of Parri, Valè and Gullo the prefects of Central Italy examined problems concerning the food situation and the "ammassi". Plans for distributing a certain amount of textiles to producers were also discussed.

17. Several Italian officers and soldiers decorated by General Truscott with the American bronze star.

18. The Herand Tribune says that, according to news from Washington, Admiral Stone in on his way back to America, and that the British and American Govts have not yet come to an agreement on the appointment of a successor. The same paper adds that A.G. Antolini will come back to Italy as representative of the Export-Import-Bank. (U.P.) EDITORS NOTE - Actually the Admiral was in his office as usual, today.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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situation, must show that she is not divided. (Paolo Pellari)

2. Is it really necessary to have photographs of concentration camps, and corpses of every description exposed all over the town asks Abele ?

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.N.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Bureaucracy and taxation hurricane: Further taxation to the tune of 80 million lire would pulverise the last defences of the already prostrate national economic system. It would be much more profitable to examine the many superfluous items of the budget especially the crushing cost of bureaucracy. This was inflated by Fascism which used it to hypnotise and desensitize the Italian people so as to be better able to lead them to the slaughter. As a remedy let the personnel of the Civil Service be cut down by half. A great number of the existing offices have become superfluous. This pruning of parasitic growths will be the real epuration, whereas now it is merely a good excuse to exercise personal vendettas and secure cushy jobs.

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MORNING PAPERS

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The spectre of unemployment is in everybody's mind and various solutions are continually suggested for the solution of the problem. But, says Simplicio, it is a mistake to consider this problem as separate from the others which trouble the economic life of the country.

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2. The term "agrarian reform" is often used; the people hear about "latifundia", insufficiently cultivated land, large farms, etc., and believes that the reforms will result of measures taken. Agricola then suggests various steps for solving the agrarian problem.

3. It is simply disgusting to make money out of the misfortunes of other people, says Avanti, criticising violently the filming of real life tragedies.

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2. Black market, meat: Advocates a much stricter control of the slaughtering of cattle mainly on the grounds of Public Health. Cases of food poisoning are becoming increasingly frequent.

3. Women's organizations: examines the formation and political tendencies of the various women's organizations in the country; UDI and CIF appear to be the strongest and most influential.

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The shadowrs collaboration between the Communist controlled UDI and the Catholic CIF.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Premises to the Constituent Assembly: Notices that a great effort is being made in certain quarters to draw the attention of the public towards the Constituente. Salvaggi warns that a Constituente formed without taking into account grave problems like the absolute sovereignty of the Italian people, the independence of disputed territories, the return of all Italian prisoners, the return of order and liberty and the alleviation of economic distress would only mean looking at the question in a false light, supporting the parties in power (which only represent a small part of the Italian people) and finally forcing the Italians to accept certain political ideologies.

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1. After enumerating all the injustices that the Italians living South of the Garigliano, believe have been done to them, Giambattista Rizzo says that the Govt should make a statement giving evidences that rights, duties and sacrifices are equally

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shared by all Italian citizens.

2. R.L. strongly disapproves Naples landowners who do not intend to pay taxes if the decree on rents is not enforced.

3. Giuseppe Nitti, son of the former Prime Minister and Head of the Italian Red Cross in France, interviewed by Emanuele Farneti, reports on the sad conditions of Italians POWs and civilian prisoners in France.

4. Letter from Benedetto Croce answering a statement from Salvemini appeared in "Voce Repubblicana" of July 21st. B.C. outlines the conduct of the first Italian Govt after the liberation of Southern Italy and flatly denies the accusation of having knelt in front of the King.

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2. Failure of the Commissariato Alloggi to solve the problem of the homeless. Each district should have a committee working on the question, which is important and the solution of which cannot further be delayed.

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GENERAL

1. Parri's statement to the REUTER correspondent: "The victory of the labour party will contribute in freeing the world from the atmosphere of distrust which was on the point of compromising the world peace. Trust and collaboration among the three Big Powers will now be even stronger. Italy has now still more faith in British democracy.

2. Thousands of State employees in Milan protest against the Government decree according to which no State employee can be named to the Consulta by the political parties.

3. The Italian Ministry of Foreign affairs states that those camps where Polish troops are gathered are not under the control of the Italian Government but of the Allied authorities.

4. The vice general Director of UNRRA stated that the possibility of increasing the amount of relief to be sent to Italy will be discussed. (U.P.)

5. Tullio Tamburini, chief of the Fascist Republican police, has been arrested.

6. An agreement has been reached for repatriation of Italians from Greece and of Greeks from Italy. (REUTER)

7. The New York Socialist paper "La Parola" says that the Vatican is at present in very difficult financial straits. Figures are given. (V.R.)

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3. The Italian Ministry of Foreign affairs states that those camps where Polish troops are gathered are not under the control of the Italian Government but of the Allied authorities.

4. The vice general Director of UNRRA stated that the possibility of increasing the amount of relief to be sent to Italy will be discussed. (U.P.)

5. Tullio Tamburini, chief of the Fascist Republican police, has been arrested.

6. An agreement has been reached for repatriation of Italians from Greece and of Greeks from Italy. (REUTER)

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14. Poletti stated to the paper "Popolo Comasco" that the problem of coal for Italy could be partly solved if Russia authorized export of coal from Czechoslovakia and Poland. (I.N.S.)

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15. The Sicilian mining conference was opened yesterday under the presidency of V.E. Orlando.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

1. A violent attack against the new price list which has just been published. Some of the prices contained in the new list are even higher than those which are to be seen in some of the shop-windows to-day. Have the protracted labours of the "Commission" been able to produce nothing better than this miscarriage ?

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Facciardi discusses the relative merits of the Tory and Labour parties; this is merely an excuse to rake up the "black

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past" of some Conservative leaders such as Chamberlain and Churchill. He asks: "why should we sit in judgment before the Civil Servant, the Senator, the Italian General, or even the small employee? Chamberlain, Churchill and Morgan are far more guilty than they are. It is monstrous that a whole people should be crucifixed because they could not produce a few more lucky tyrannicides". After quoting an article of Churchill's in Collier's weekly of 3 September 1938 he ends up by saying that a man who wrote such words, and the party who backs him up, are not in a strong position to reproach Italians of having been lukewarm antifascists, nor the best suited to build a new democratic Europe.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Italy, which is gradually rising from her ruins, is pleased with the victory of the British Labor Party, not only because one of the most important representatives of the Labor Party, Bevin, had said that Italy must not be treated as if Mussolini were still in power, but chiefly because, as a the result of these elections, we see the victory of renovating tendencies during this period of dangerous stagnation, says A.A. British foreign policy will now have a broader outlook and our economic and social problems will certainly gain by this.

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Conservatives and Liberals had refused to solve.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Landowners refuse to take in consideration the claims of the farmers and reject the proposals of the C.G.I.L. Negotiations have therefore come to an end.

2. Meeting of the directing Committee of the C.G.I.L., attended by the members of the workers' delegation who will proceed to Russia. All the present problems have been dealt with, negotiations taking place with the Government and with the employers for the liberation bonus, and a raise of salaries proportionate to the cost of living. Reports on the resumption of industrial relations between the North and the South, including the problem of unemployment, have been examined. It is essential to draft a plan for the most urgent works in the reconstruction program. The division of produce according to sharecropping contracts has also been studied.

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4. Allied Military Courts in Rome Area have been closed down.

TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Headlines the news with the sentence: "The British people have voted for a democratic and progressive policy". In a leading article which examines the causes of Churchill's defeat it is stressed that the British people have not really voted against Churchill but against a policy which led to the war step by step. The British people have voted for Socialism and a new political leadership. This desire for a fresh start is clearly evidenced by the elections which can be summed up in a great silent cheer: "Long live Socialism!".

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GENERAL

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10. Admiral Stone has sent Parri a letter stating that the spokesman of the A.C., questioned on the subject, had only answered that there was no clause in the Italian armistice preventing Italians to hold elections and that, on the contrary, the A.C. was ready to encourage and give what help it might, to the Italian Government. Bu the spokesman, says Admiral Stone,

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has expressed no opinion concerning the character or the date of the Italian elections.

11. Poletti has visited some of the industrial firms in Milan.

12. Collaborationists sentenced to death in the North.

13. According to a U.P. dispatch no Italian naval units will be used in the Pacific.

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change of currency notes would not happen until next autumn; this has prompted many speculators to change their gold and foreign currencies into lire with which to buy goods from the North. b) Italy's declaration of war against Japan which has raised the hopes of many Italians that Italy will be classed as one of the United Nations and thus be eligible for credits and loans from abroad. The stockbroker complains bitterly about the many utterances of members of the Government on the "socialisation" of great industrial concerns. This has created a depressing and most alarming wave of panic which has brought about a minor crash in the prices of industrial shares. He asks plaintively: "What is there to "socialise"? Why don't these people wait until Italian industry has at least got on it's feet again? As it is British and American industrial and financial circles are certainly not tempted to fork out even a single pound or dollar to finance our industries.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican)

1. Though giving all the news and comments from the various

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newspapers and news-agencies, O.R. makes no comment of its own on the victory of the British Labour party.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Ramponi, president of the National Rice Federation, was received by Gullo to whom he presented a Memorandum on the present problems of rice culture and sales.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Under the headline "Evviva l'Inghilterra", Pacciardi, having commented on the British elections, wonders whether the policy of balance of power and of zones of influence will change. Will the new British Government understand that the maintainence of the damnable zones, zones of expiation and misery, means creating sources of new wars? With the victory of the Labour party we foresee for the first time the possibility of a new international juridic order in Italy. Then our adventures would come to an end and we would be able to busy ourselves with interior problems and create real democracy. Attlee will take Churchill's place at Potsdam; we wait to see how he will stand up to his task; then, ends Pacciardi, it will be our turn to show what we are worth; the Costituente will be

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1. Interview with Sforza: The triumph of the Labour Party means the triumph of the Europe which is looking ahead, over the Europe that finds her ideals in the past. Italy must be duly grateful to Churchill for what he did for civilization in 1940, but no statesmen can be eternally useful. Without this peaceful British revolution, Europe might have been divided in zones of influence; such a division would have been fatal to the safety of Europe and would have led to another war. Men like Attlee, Bevin, Cripps want to found peace on a European organization without vassals or borders.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Under the headline "Evviva l'Inghilterra", Pacciardi, having commented on the British elections, wonders whether the policy of balance of power and of zones of influence will change. Will the new British Government understand that the maintainance of the damnable zones, zones of expiation and misery, means creating sources of new wars? With the victory of the Labour party we foresee for the first time the possibility of a new international juridic order in Italy. Then our adventures would come to an end and we would be able to busy ourselves with interior problems and create real democracy. Attlee will take Churchill's place at Potsdam; we wait to see how he will stand up to his task; then, ends Pacciardi, it will be our turn to show what we are worth; the Costituente will be our pacific revolution and will represent the end of our old feudal order.

2. Long article by Wiles on the present situation at the Ministry of War where too many officers are employed. As long as the Chief of Staff and the Cabinet are composed, as at present, of officers with the old Fascist and pre-Fascist mentality, the Minister of war will only learn about those things which these innumerable officers consider fit to tell him.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Achille Corona explaines that the main issue between Tory and Labour parties, in the British electoral campaign, was that of foreign policy. Churchill wanted to go on treating Italy as though Mussolini was still in power, and the Labour Party disapproved of this. Another very important aspect is that of indirect internal repercussion of British policy in Italy. In Italy it had become the fashion to pander to and even to anticipate Churchill's wishes in the matter of Cabinet appointments and other similar matters. This has now ended; no party will be able to further it's own interests invoking as an excuse Allied opposition to our democratic aspirations.

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slaughter. (Fernando Mendico)

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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1. The State administration should be run on the same basis as a private undertaking, writes Giovanni Gera. Employees should be liable to punishments and fines or to rewards so that they take more personal interest in their work.

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3. A uneasy situation is created by the fact that the French Government has failed to renew the commercial agreement between France and Italy. Factories for fertilizers had to stop work for lack of phospates, which were imported from Tunisia.

4. Experts met yesterday to discuss plans for the construction of a railway on the Alpi Retiche.

5. It is rumoured that Italy might be represented at the European Coal Organization.

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8. It seems, according to the A.C., that the Americans and British are unwilling to invest capital in projects for the reconstruction of Italy until the elections have been held. (INS)

9. Trains between Rome, Florence and Bologna, three times a week will start on Monday; there will also be sleeping cars between Rome and Florence.

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10. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS : At yesterday's Council of Ministers it was decided to address a formal request to Allied Governments to give back to Italy her prisoners of war, and to consider them as free workers until this return is possible. The Council then examined the possibility of assigning and putting on sale the amount of textile materials still available. A decree on the functions of the Ministry of Labour and Welfare was then approved.

11. One of Nitti's sons, who is at present in France as representative of the Italian Red Cross, said that 20,000 Italian prisoners of war liberated from the German camps, have been held in France and put on work of reconstruction.

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INDIPENDENTE

1. There are still plenty of relatively cheap medicines in the North; their price is about twice what it was in 1937, while in Rome they cost three or four times as much.

2. Don Gil says that sometimes it is necessary to be very strict with the black market but that in some cases leniency is

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good policy, for otherwise the result might be quite different from what is expected.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Indipendent Catholic)

1. Contracts lawfully drawn up must not be too easily broken, says Ivo Coccia, commenting on the fact that some small farmers have been thrown out of the ground they have been cultivating for years.

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2. First meeting of Socialist mayors after 23 years.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) N.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Unemployment is threatening the whole nation, there is no time to be lost in discussions; it is high time to act. The Camera del Lavoro of Rome, says Mario Zagari, has drafted plans of works which can be carried out immediately thus ensuring bread to thousands of Roman workers. The same thing ought to be done all over Italy in all fields.

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MOMENTO

1. Corruption of bureaucracy during the past twenty years.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Atlantic Charter must be applied to Italy, writes don Sturzo;from the day when cobelligerancy was accepted, Italy was no longer an enemy country. The Big Three must consider the problem of Trieste as one of the most important for the economic and political future of Europe . Trieste is the meeting point of what has rightly or wrongly been defined as the Eastern and Western zones of influence, gravitating [illegible] and London.

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5. Jacini stated in Florence that he intended to reorganize the Italian army which would have to be small, compact, well trained, according to democratic principles, though retaining that respect for noble traditions that the Italian army had always had.

6. Molè made another appeal on the radio to farmers to give all wheat to the "ammassi"; not to do so, he said, would mean committing a crime against the whole of the nation.

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7. News has it that the Allied Commission has asked the American Chiefs of Staff to allow Italy to run a modest interior

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5. Jacini stated in Florence that he intended to reorganize the Italian army which would have to be small, compact, well trained, according to democratic principles, though retaining that respect for noble traditions that the Italian army had always had.

6. Molè made another appeal on the radio to farmers to give all wheat to the "ammassi"; not to do so, he said, would mean committing a crime against the whole of the nation.

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7. News has it that the Allied Commission has asked the American Chief of Staff to allow Italy to run a modest interior air line with what material is available on the spot, in order to help the serious transport situation.

8. Gronchi stated that Italy is already in a position to make commercial contracts with other Govts, following agreement with the A.C. (ANSA)

9. According to ORBIS the intervention of the Govt has had no effect whatsoever on the population of Minervino Murge which has disarmed neither morally nor materially.

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10. It seems that a new demonstration has taken place in Trieste during which the people, mostly women, asked for "bread, work and peace". (REUTER)

11. Meeting of the National Socialist Council; Togliatti praised the political unity of action of Socialists and Communists. Nenni gave an account of the activity of the Socialist party and, speaking about De Gasperi's candidacy, said that the organisation of Christian workers did not yet realize the importance of a policy of union among the popular masses; we did not want, he said, a Socialist candidacy in order to work against the interests of Catholic peasants and workers but, on the contrary, to attempt, with their co-operation, to carry out a policy of democratic transformation of the whole country. He then stated that the moment had not yet come for union between the Communist and and the Socialist parties. Speaking about the elections he said that these must not be held in an atmosphere of terror nor under the control of armed police and Carabinieri. A calm atmosphere must give faith to the people. Saragat said that if the survival of the Russian State were recognised by the Socialist party as a necessity, it did not mean that the working classes of the other countries should have the same views as Russia. The Socialists should collaborate with the Communists, accepting a unity of action, but should not try to eliminate them.

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21. Italians of Columbia send relief to Italy.

22. It is rumored that Senator Ricci has been appointed Minister of the Treasury.

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24. It is rumored in Washington that at the peace conference Italy will ask to retain her pre-Fascist colonies and it is pointed out how important they are for Italy's economy. (U.P.)

25. 49 people suspected of having participated in the Schio massacre have been arrested by the Allies.

26. The Commune of Bari will ask for the pardon of General Bellomo because he defended the town against the Germans.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Complaints that everything can be bought in the black market, but that patients do not get their supplementary rations.

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4. Only 5.000 tons of cereals will be handed in to the "ammasso".

5. Tremelloni, Commissioner for Industry, stated to Il Globo that, should America supply all that Italy has asked for in her first-aid plans, then during the year 1946, Italian industries will produce about 95 per cent of what they produced in 1938.

6. Tomatoe preserves produced in Naples and Salerno provinces will be double than last year

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The Action party made a political declaration stating all the problems concerning the democratic rebirth of the Country. The complete text of the declaration is given.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat

1. What is the truth about the alleged discovery of a mass grave in a disused mine near Trieste? If it really is true that the grave exists, and the victims were murdered by Tito's army, why do Allied news agencies deny the fact?

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Christian Democracy must define its policy if it does not want collaboration with other parties to cause misunderstandings. Christian Democracy must be a popular movement for the popular classes, a democratic movement.

2. Article by Guido Gonella against the 'renouncers', the people who claim that the Italian colonies are a Fascist invention,

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that Yugoslavia is entitled to Venezia Giulia; those who consider Italy to be the accomplice of fascist crimes are still more to be blamed; for instance Unità which writes that we claim our rights as if Italy hadn't been one of the oppressors.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

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