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COVERAGE OF THE AC/AMG REVIEW IN THE ROME PRESS.

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GLOBO (Economic)

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UNITÀ LIBERA (Action)

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document of the War Department". the text mentions almost exclusively those points concerning Italian contribution and Italian losses and only at the end stresses the importance of the work carried out by the A.C. and mentions an article appearing in yesterday's Times on the activities of the A.C.

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9. In spite of all the measures taken by the sanitary authorities to prevent spreading of bubonic plague, the number of cases has increased to 15 and it is foreseen that it may still increase within the next few days. (TARANTO)

10. Another depot of ammunitions exploded near Orvieto.

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11. Twenty lire bank-notes to be issued shortly. (I.)

12. A mysterious silent shot wounded a tram-conductor last night.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.K.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) - N.R.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Even in those countries which have suffered from war

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more than Italy has, the people are asked to express their choice on the line the nation should follow both in policy and in economy. Everywhere the question is the same, either dictatorship or democracy, either individualistic or collective economy. It is time that Italians made their voices heard; the Parri Government must not be so much under the influence of the parties, and the Consulta must take the place of the Constituente until the Constituente is formed.

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2. No disorders have taken place in Sardinia, no separatist tendencies have appeared in the island, says Mario Berlinguer. But the Government must beware; unless measures are taken to face the tragic condition of the island and to send back to their land all the Sardinian soldiers who are still on the mainland, something might happen to divide the islanders from the rest of Italy.

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UNITA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Nitti Salvemini's radio speech of the 30th of Sept. in which he discusses on the theme "politique d'abord" is given in full.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. Everyone is waiting to see whether Italy is able to govern herself, and be a free country; meanwhile, everything is being done to reduce her rehabilitation possibilities, and she is only asked to give up a lot of things in the name of democracy and European collaboration. It should be remembered that the present crisis isn't only the outcome of war: it began when Italian economy was no longer sufficient for a nation that was increasing in an alarming way, and when a barrier was raised everywhere against Italian work. Italy must be given living possibilities, and freedom shouldn't be a luxury meant for the rich only. (Courrier Lyons)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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PATRIA (Independent)

1. Italo Zingarelli approves of De Gasperi's attitude at the London Conference. It is much better, he writes, to let the Allies see for themselves what the Yugoslavs are doing in Venezia Giulia to make our territories appear Slav.

2. Tauro examines the election problem and gives a few suggestions on how they should be held.

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UNITA (Communist)

1. From the meeting of the Consulta we can reach two conclusions, writes O.P. The first one is that the opposition has realized that there is a difference between writing an article in a newspaper and pronouncing a speech at the Consulta. The other one and the most important one is that the only possible form of Government at present is the Government of the C.L.N.s. Nobody has been able to say what would be a substitute.

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8. Just before leaving Naples to return to America, Col. Poletti stated that the North of Italy as well as the port of Naples will very soon return to Italian Administration. He said that the Allied authorities are only waiting for the order from Washington. Speaking about the recent incidents in Naples, he said that they are merely sporadic events of no great importance.

9. Finocchiaro Aprile as well as other members of the Separatist movement have been arrested in Palermo. (ORBIS)

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10. Sicilian Consultori belonging to the various political parties have decided to unite in one Committee in order to coordinate all their efforts towards a solution of the Sicilian problem.

11. The change of currency will not take place in 1945.

12. The A.C. pressed to do so by the C.G.I.L. as well as by the Minister of Labor, has decided to study the possibility of granting the "liberation bonus" to Italian civilians working for the Allied Forces.

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2. Sforza announced that a portable microphone will be put at the disposal of the speaking Consultore, so that his voice may be heard more easily by everybody; I regret, he added, that I cannot supply also the "interrupters" with microphones; but perhaps it is as well, and they may so be urged to speak instead of merely interrupting. Commenting on these words by the president, Indipendente says that unhappily not all the Consultori realise that they are there to speak and to express their opinion

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Interview with Buozzi: thanks to the solidarity of the workers, it will be possible to solve the problem of re-absorption of repatriated prisoners. The Allies are sending more supplies, and we hope that production will increase and enable more workers to find employment.

2. Interview with Rubini: plea of public works to relieve unemployment.

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2. The Sicilian separatist movement was changing into a federalist republican movement. It is 'politically stupid' to stop this evolution by arresting its leaders. The Government must state at once the offences of which these men are guilty; otherwise they must be released. The Government certainly knows all about the M.....M. organisation in Sicily; why should the law only be enforced against the republicans ?

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3. Born as a branch of the executive power of the State, the Consulta feels the need of emancipation and of becoming a legislative parliamentary assembly; and this it cannot become not having been elected.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist) - N.N.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Crops greatly compromised by the non arrival of phosphates from Tunisia; technical article giving figures.

2. War factories to be closed down while Italy waits to hear what war material she will be allowed to produce.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. After one week of full sessions in the Consulta we have the impression, writes Vittorio Fer, that the anti-Fascist parties which form the Government are more united than before, while instead it had been feared that public debates might have widened those disagreements existing between the various parties. But union among parties must not [illegible]

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1. Crops greatly compromised by the non arrival of phosphates from Tunisia; technical article giving figures.

2. War factories to be closed down while Italy waits to hear what war material she will be allowed to produce.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. After one week of full sessions in the Consulta we have the impression, writes Vittorio Foa, that the anti-Fascist parties which form the Government are more united than before, while instead it had been feared that public debates might have widened those disagreements existing between the various parties. But union among parties must not be a goal, but only a means to attain much more important goals; so this week must be considered merely as a beginning. V.F. then criticises the Liberal party for its unsettled and unbalanced political attitude. Also the Socialists and the Communists, he says, should have a better defined line in their policy. The attitude of the Christian Democrats leads us to believe that they intend becoming a great central democratic party between a conservative Right and a demagogic Left; but if they think thus they are wrong, says the writer, because their calculation would be based on a false hypothesis.

2. The Consulta has strengthened our democratic feelings, says M.C.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. While everybody, from the President of the Council to the leaders of the parties, urge workers and firms to re-start working with renewed activity, at the same time we can see organisms of the Government which try in every possible way to sabotage reconstruction. We can see people trying to demolish the productive possibility of firms only because they have always been kept away from them owing to their incapacity. Too much epuration and too much sequestering might deprive the country of its only active and capable forces.

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1. Commenting on the Consulta, R.L. says that we needed less rhetorics and more arguments. And seing the meaning given by the Communists to the word 'democracy', we had rather live under a 'reactionary' regime like that of Giolitti, for instance, than enjoy the freedom of Marshal Tito's 'democratic' regime.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

1. Next year, the output of the Terni power plant will be greater than before the war.

TEMPO (Independent)

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Ugo Giuffrè, by showing the difference of mentality and method between the leftist group and the other parties. There is no possibility of concord between them and if one part will not be able to react against the aggressiveness of the other the , the people will.

2. Commenting on Pinocchiaro Aprile's arrest, Igor Man writes that the Government has at last made up its mind to act seriously and with a strong hand against those outlaws.

3. Emanuele Alipranai, former General Director of the "Privative", in an interview, outlines a plan for the re-Habilitation of the Tobacco monopoly.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Girolamo Li Causi approves of the arrest of the Separatist leaders and wishes that others responsible for the movement, such as big landowners and barons, be also arrested.

2. A propos of the many discussions going on on I.R.I., I.C.E. and I.S.V., E. Sarti says that these institutions at first proved very useful and that what they need is simply a change of the directing staff. The I.R.I. problem, he sums up, is not a problem of disbanding but one of democratizing.

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2. The Ministry of the Interior announces: As the Sicilian Separatist movement, which had been tollerated till now, has continued insisting in its propaganda against national unity, even forming a "voluntary army for Sicilian independence" and asking the London Conference to help the island to separate from Italy, and as the authorities had been informed that plots were being prepared, the Ministry of the Interior has decided to "stop" Finocchiaro Aprile and Antonio Varvaro, leaders of the movement. It has been furthermore ordered that all seats of the movement be closed and that no papers or pamphlets be published. (ANSA)

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3. Italy to give rice in exchange for Swiss cattle. (ANSA)

4. An attempt against De Gasperi's life has failed. It is suspected that the attempt was made by people belonging to a foreign nation.

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13. Speaking in New York on Italo-American relations, O'Dwyer praised the heroism of Italian partisans, "defenders of democracy. (U.P.)

14. Togliatti, questioned why he had ordered that no procedure against sharecroppers should be taken in consideration, said that he did this in order not to increase the tension existing between landowners and sharecroppers.

15. Great quantities of war material discovered by the Carabinieri in Bergamasia.

16. Quantities of cattle died owing to the strike in Brescia.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Long article by Giovanni Persico, Undersecretary to the Treasury, on the question of the obligations of the franchise; he says that electors should be made to understand that it is their duty, both morally and juridically, to vote, but that one should never define voting as obligatory.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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2. V.R. publishes a letter in which Nenni asks Pacciardi to keep in mind that, last February, the epurating proceedings against Romondino were stopped by intervention of the A.C. From this letter, says V.R., we gather that the A.C. can dictatorially intervene in our epuration proceedings, that the good intentions of the Italian Ministers become null before internal resistence and that the results obtainable by a policy of compromise are almost non-existent.

3. Eight and a half million pairs of shoes to be distributed shortly. How often have we heard this news during the last months ? But now, comments ironically V.R., it must be true because we learn that the shoes are not made yet and that therefore the first distribution will be made in about three of four months (and how are we going to be able to walk in this winter's rain and snow ?), the second sometime within 1946 and the third... well, better not think about that.

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MORNING PAPERS

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2. Avanti publishes an extract from the diary of a soldier repatriated from Germany which shows how badly assistance to repatriates is carried out.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Commenting on Nitti's speech, which on the whole he

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approves, Leonida Repaci says that, in order to re-establish public order and safeguard the interests of the workers, it is necessary to have a leftist Government because only such a Government can ask the working masses to accept those sacrifices which are necessary, at the present moment, in order to avoid a complete paralysis of the social structure of the country.

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3. Figures on sums spent by Italy in Albania.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The first week of the Consulta has proved that there exists in Italy a political class which works seriously. It cannot be denied that a truly anti-Fascist revolution has taken

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place in the country, no matter what Nitti seems to think; Nitti is a reactionary, and he has been afraid to speak in the Consulta, where his words would have provoked immediate answers, says G.L.

2. The arrest of the Separatist leaders has avoided disorders in Sicily, says I.L. approving of these arrests.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Epuration is all right up to a certain point, but it mustn't become an instrument to gratify personal vengeances.

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SECOLO XX (Finance) - Did not appear.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Nitti's speech is called "The speech of wisdom and rebirth".

UNITA' (Communist)

1. After giving a favourable summary of the objective results obtained in the Consulta, Unità attacks Nitti, saying that all the reactionary forces which did not find in the Consulta a man round whom to group, found him yesterday in Nitti. Why, asks Unità, has he voluntary kept out of the legal national assembly ? He wants, goes on the newspaper, to make of Italy a pawn which England can oppose to the Soviet Union.

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2. The Ministry of the Interior announces: As the Sicilian Separatist movement, which had been tollerated till now, has continued insisting in its propaganda against national unity, even forming a "voluntary army for Sicilian independence" and asking the London Conference to help the island to separate from Italy, and as the authorities had been informed that plots were being prepared, the Ministry of the Interior has decided to "stop" Finocchiaro Aprile and Antonio Varvaro, leaders of the movement. It has been furthermore ordered that all seats of the movement be closed and that no papers or pamphlets be published. (ANSA)

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containing documents of the CVEA had been delivered to his house.

6. General Mark Clark yesterday awarded in the Viminale the Legion of Merit to General Cadorna and the Bronze Star to Parri and other patriots for their activity during the clandestine period.

7. Interviewed by a Polish correspondent, Bito stated that Italy has no right to take part in any negotiations as she is a defeated country. He added that to give Trieste to Italy would mean creating new reasons for discontent, and that the boundary should follow the Isonzo line. (U.P.)

8. Admiral Stone was received by the Pope.

9. The COUNCIL OF MINISTERS met yesterday morning; it approved changes in the procedure of sanctions against Fascism aiming particularly at unifying procedures throughout the country; the High Court of Justice has been abolished, and will be replaced by a number of special sections of Courts of Assises. It approved measures in favor of the "Cassa di Assistenza" for State employees and of the institutes for "popular dwelling". Changes in the functions of the State Polygraphic were approved. It was decided to allot further 37 billion lire to expenses for urgent public works. The formation of a State "Forest corps" was approved. The Council ended with a debate on the question of the Sicilian Separatist movement.

10. Five murderers of patriots have been executed in Turin.

11. Sardinian refugees and veterans to embark in Naples, civilians going to Sardinia to embark in Civitavecchia.

12. The British Commercial Attaché, speaking in Genoa at a meeting of local traders, said that though Great Britain is willing to re-establish commercial exchanges with Italy, no travelling between Italy and England can take place for the time being owing to scarcity of transport and to the difficulty of currency exchange. (ANSA)

13. Speaking in New York on Italo-American relations, O'Dwyer praised the heroism of Italian partisans, "defenders of democracy. (U.P.)

14. Togliatti, questioned why he had ordered that no procedure against sharecroppers should be taken in consideration, said that he did this in order not to increase the tension existing between landowners and sharecroppers.

15. Great quantities of war material discovered by the Carabinieri in Borgosesia.

16. Quantities of cattle died owing to the strike in Brescia.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Long article by Giovanni Persico, Undersecretary to the Treasury, on the question of the obligations of the franchise; he says that electors should be made to understand that it is their duty, both morally and juridically, to vote, but that one should never define voting as obligatory.

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2. V.R. publishes a letter in which Nenni asks Bacciardi to keep in mind that, last February, the epurating proceedings against Romondino were stopped by intervention of the A.C. From this letter, says V.R., we gather that the A.C. can dictatorially intervene in our epuration proceedings, that the good intentions of the Italian Ministers become null before internal resistance and that the results obtainable by a policy of compromise are almost non-existent.

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2. Avanti publishes an extract from the diary of a soldier repatriated from Germany which shows how badly assistance to repatriates is carried out.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Commenting on Nitti's speech, which on the whole he

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approves, Leonida Repaci says that, in order to re-establish public order and safeguard the interests of the workers, it is necessary to have a leftist Government because only such a Government can ask the working masses to accept those sacrifices which are necessary, at the present moment, in order to avoid a complete paralysis of the social structure of the country.

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2. It is not surprising that the London Conference has failed, for it is a well known fact that the spoils of the defeated always excite the lust of the victors, and, consequently, cause disagreements among them, says R.D. commenting on the failure of the London Conference. Naturally political questions must be settled too, but as they are usually concerned only with narrow strips of territories around the frontiers, we don't see that they are very urgent; what instead is very urgent is to place countries such as Italy, in a position to rebuild their economic activity.

3. Figures on sums spent by Italy in Albania.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The first week of the Consulta has proved that there exists in Italy a political class which works seriously. It cannot be denied that a truly anti-fascist revolution has taken

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place in the country, no matter what Nitti seems to think; Nitti is a reactionary, and he has been afraid to speak in the Consulta, where his words would have provoked immediate answers, says G.L.

2. The arrest of the Separatist leaders has avoided disorders in Sicily, says I.L. approving of these arrests.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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SECOLO XX (Finance) - Did not appear.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Nitti's speech is called "The speech of wisdom and rebirth".

UNITA' (Communist)

1. After giving a favourable summary of the objective results obtained in the Consulta, Unità attacks Nitti, saying that all the reactionary forces which did not find in the Consulta a man round whom to group, found him yesterday in Nitti. Why, asks Unità, has he voluntary kept out of the legal national assembly ? He wants, goes on the newspaper, to make of Italy a pawn which England can oppose to the Soviet Union.

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12. Di Vittorio has been appointed representative of Southern Europe to the Executive Committee of the new Unions' World Federation. (REUTER)

13. 3,738 repatriated prisoners to land today in Naples from America.

14. Nenni, Bacciardi and Longo to go to Warsaw for the first meeting of the International Brigades which fought in the Spanish civil war.

15. 4,000 tons of wheat and other foodstuffs and medicines have arrived in Civitavecchia from New York.

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16. A canal to be built between Genoa and the Lago Maggiore.

17. The Association for the safeguard of the interests of the Italians living abroad has pointed out to the Government how bad it would be for the rebirth of Italian foreign Commerce if Italian properties abroad were sequestered as payment of war reparations.

18. The new bank-notes are being printed in the North.

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2. Commenting on the monarchist manifestation in Naples, V.R. says that Nitti is now the representative of the worst reactionary forces. This means political death for Nitti. V.R. concludes with the words 'Corpses carry a corpse in triumph'.

3. Long article by E. Ferrucini: the leftist parties should define their position. We must know up to what point social claims are in conflict with production which is the essential basis of our national rehabilitation; they must also state what position they intend to take towards the centralizing State. We mustn't repeat the mistakes made in 1920-24. There must be a center and not only a leftist center.

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2. The calm atmosphere in which mixed Italian and German schools are starting in Alto Adige lead us to hope well for the future settling of that frontier problem, according to Giovanni Gozzer.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. The failure of the London conference blocks entirely the rebirth of Italy, for the Armistice clauses, though they have been mitigated by the Allies, suffocate our industries and paralize our traffic, says Globo; the paper then gives details on the complete paralysis of all mining industry in Istria.

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2. Figures on the wheat ammassi during these last few years. (Antonio Segni)

3. 23 million kilos of textiles to be distributed to those classes which have a fixed income.

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2. Lorenzo Marinese writes that like Gandhi, Finocchiaro Aprile refuses all food.

MOMENTO

Nitti's speech is really mostly a list of our misfortunes. Nitti concludes that the Italians have only themselves to blame, for they all were Fascists. This is a sweeping statement. Nitti seems to ignore that the Italians had got to the stage where they were hoping for defeat so as to get rid of the dictatorship; he speaks as if he were the interpreter of the reactionary forces which refuse to alter their way of thinking.

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2. Profiteers from the North, by buying all wine stocks in Apulia, will make prices rise tremendously, writes Unità. Also

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in the transportation field these profiteers are keeping busy and sending to the North all the wine which should have come to Rome.

2. Nitti's speech was followed by an abundant meal, reports Unità, where all the old Neapolitan gentlemen attended. But Romans, although they were offered transport, billet and messing free of charges, did not go. The old statesman resented the fact and will not come back to the capital.

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12. De Gasperi in Assisi, on occasion of the day of Saint Francis, the patron saint of Italy; there is no hope for a progress of our country, said the Foreign Minister, nor for peace among nations, unless men's ideals are inspired on the faith and charity of Saint Francis.

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13. On Sunday General Anders, commander-in-chief of Polish troops in Italy, will be awarded the honorary citizenship of Bologna.

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25. About 5000 Italians living in Eritrea to be repatriated shortly.

26. Italo-Brazilian friendship has not suffered for the tragic parenthesis of the war, stated Vargas speaking to the Italian Ambassador in Buenos Ayres.

27. Increase on rents to become effective on the first of November.

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28. Payment to Italian prisoners of war who work for British farmers has been increased to two and a hanf pounds per week. (I.N.S.)

29. The first Swiss ship, loaded with goods for Switzerland, has entered the port of Savona.

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R. complains that Rome is dirty. We may have lost the war, we may be faced with endless difficulties, but this is no reason why the streets should boast heaps of garbage.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

The partisans of Rome province are organizing a transport cooperative.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. What, with the Consulta, Nitti's speech, the arrest of Finocchiaro Aprile, and other internal questions, Italians don't seem to have realised the importance of the failure, or interruption, of the London conference, which has once more thrown all questions into the high sea. The Italian problem had

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been considered the most important, so it should be solved first. Molotov's suggestions were acceptable, on principle; we must therefore follow that trend, says Paccicardi, and reach a rapid solution. As there is now talk about a possible meeting of the Big Three, it is necessary for the Italian Government to manage - no matter how - to have the Italian question set as number one in the order of the day of the meeting. A respectable Government cannot remain eternally hanging from the cross of Armistice clauses.

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2. Massimo Vodic, writing from Trieste, says how sad it is that dock yards are silent for lack of work.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

Long interview with Brosio on the position of the Liberal party on the question of Italian peace and the numerous problems of reconstruction. The Wilson line, Brosio said, might, at the present moment, be considered as a fairly good solution of the Venezia Giulia question. Trieste is Italian, and an international control of the port is the best thing that can be done. The Yugoslav plan of making of Trieste one of the States of the Yugoslav federation is absurd. Fiume should be granted complete autonomy. Questioned on the colonial problem, Brosio stated that the Liberals are against all forms of imperialism and therefore hope that the colonial problem of the whole world, not merely the Italian one, will be solved; all the same, he added, nobody should forget the efforts and money Italy has lavished on her colonies. The rebirth of Italo-French friendship is a good omen for the future of both countries, and Brosio doesn't believe that France will insist in claiming rectifications of the frontier line. As for Alto Adige, the Brenner boundary must be respected. As for a new European order, he said, this can only be obtained by abolition of all forms of nationalism, political and economic; and Italy should be considered as a very important item in the maintainance of future and lasting peace in Europe. Passing to internal matters, Brosio stated that the Government was not able to re-establish public order owing to lack of means and to a certain tendency of overvaluating the importance of the C.L.Ns. On the Consulta, he said that he is satisfied with the first week, and that he will do all that is in his power in order to render this assembly still more efficient. In order to hold political elections, it is not only necessary to have freedom and calm in order to carry out propaganda, but also to know exactly what the Constituente is going to be and what powers it will have. Within the Liberal party there exist monarchist and republican tendencies, but this does not mean that these two groups cannot get on together until the Constituente will decide what form of Government Italy should have. The Liberal party is in favor of freedom of foreign commerce - though it admits the necessity of a certain control during this period of emergency - without which Italy cannot hope to rehabilitate herself. Brosio ended his interview by [illegible] saying that too much already

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Pietro Bottara says that no capital should ever be
left inactive; this is very bad for the national economy.

2. A meeting was held yesterday under the chairmanship
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3. Rice could be used by Italy as exchange against other
foodstuffs she needs from abroad.

4. Leopoldo Piccardi says that Italian industries do not ask
the State to help them but merely freedom of action.

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5. Discussion for an Italo-Turkish commercial agreement are being carried on.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - N.R.

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UNITA (Independent)

1. Article by Ugo Giuffrè on regional autonomies which, in his opinion, would weaken Italy's national efficiency.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità gives some details on how Allied troops confiscated the seat of the Communist party in Vercelli.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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peace treaty is signed and the Allies have evacuated the country and all controls have come to an end. On the question of war reparations, Byrnes stated that Italy should not pay the sum of 600 million dollars which Russia has asked. (I.N.S.)

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

1. The failure of the London conference is due to lack of "clarity" and complete understanding between the various delegates,

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of all the problems they had to study. But Byrnes' words open our hearts to new hope, ends the article.

2. Why are Fiume and Zara not represented in the Consulta ? asks Indipendente.

3. Parri sent the Prefect of Reggio a telegram in which he said that the Ministers Romita, Gullo and Molè are visiting Calabria in order to study the most urgent necessities of the region and thus place the Government in a position to give what help it can.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

The paper publishes the first of a series of articles by Ivanoe Bonomi on the task of the Consulta. This first article deals exclusively on relations between the Italian State and the Church.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. If blocks on cement were lifted, private initiative might feel encouraged.

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2. Having made inquiries among various industries, Globo says that the controls suggested by the C.L.N.A.I. would only paralyze their rebirth.

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1. No one thinks of asking reparations from Austria, Hungary or Rumania, but since Italy has been a Fascist country, everyone feels entitled to demand something from her, forgetting that no one in Italy wanted the war, and that we rose against the Germans.

2. Italy's possibilities of exporting handicrafts.

TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

Commenting on Nitti's speech, Unità says it was a complete failure. He seems to imply that the Allies are going to starve us if the power isn't entrusted to him. Nitti's great mistake was to join the enemies of the new Italian democracy. We do not know whether

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he actually contacted the representatives of these groups, but he is using their language and their arguments, and speaking insolently about things and people who are dear to the heart of the Italians. Nitti has not realized that the people are fed up with the various attempts to stifle democracy. We hope that he will benefit by the lesson.

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9. During a radio transmission, last night, the speaker read an open letter addressed to Parri in which the President was asked to take the necessary steps in order to hasten the repatriation of Italian war prisoners; before the program was over Parri himself had already telephoned the Radio thanking for the information and saying that by next Sunday he would be able to give a definite answer.

10. The trial against General Dostler started yesterday in Rome. The Court is formed by Allied officer and the German

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general is charged with having ordered the execution, in 1944, of 13 Allied soldiers and two officers.

11. The Archbishop of Bologna made a speech on Polish Catholicism. (ANSA)

12. The Sarl Camera del Lavoro denies that Di Gaetano, who was arrested the other day as being responsible for the disorders of Andria and Minervino Murge, was ever secretary of the local Camera del Lavoro.

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24. Bandits pillaged a railway depot in Milan after a struggle with the Police which wanted to stop them.

25. The plans for a fusions of the C.L.N. and the C.L.N.A.I. have been postponed "sine-die".

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26. Togliatti explained that the pianist Magda Brard, who had been arrested as collaborationist, has been set free because she is French citizen.

27. During the visit of the Allied Commission in Trieste, the Giuliano Communist party organised special manifestation aiming at convincing the Allies of the Slav feelings of the population. Propaganda among workers is based on the words "Trieste to Yugoslavia"; innumerable flags bearing the red star have been distributed. In the suburbs of Trieste shop keepers have had to change the Italian signs on their windows with others written in Slovenian. In these zones under Yugoslav control all that is Italian is being disbanded, and Italians are being transported elsewhere; all this in order to give a Slav ethnic appearance to the zone. The Venezia Giulia C.L.N. sent the Prime Minister of New Zealand a telegram expressing surprise at learning that New Zealand is against giving Venezia Giulia to Italy. (ORBIS)

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

Giorgio Roncali writes that it is all very well for the State to start cutting down expenses, but that it cannot starve its officials. Better have a larger Public Debt and a better organized and more efficient organization.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

The failure of the London conference is due to the fact that the victors will continue to examine the problems of the defeated nations from the point of view of zones of influence. And this is why, says Mastrucsino, we disapprove of the attitude adopted by many Italians who seem to think about the future of Italy as if the country were to become a satellite of Russia or of Great Britain. Italy has the right to ask that no special political regime be imposed upon her, and she has the duty towards herself to see that a one party Government will not take the upper hand and suppress all the other parties.

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GLOBO (Economic) - N.H.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. It is said that the London Conference has been interrupted without attaining any result but we should not, all the same, be

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too pessimistic; the great problem which must be faced is that of sticking together again the various parts of Europe basing this reforming of the continent on the political and economic life of the Big Powers, says A. Spinelli. Russia tends at integrating these various parts within the closed system of Russian economy and policy. The American method consists in resurrecting political sovereign communities within the great system of complete freedom of exchanges and the United States try to make Great Britain follow this line too. It is difficult to find a complete agreement between these two different types of civilisation, unless they find the demarcation line where one must pass from the "closed" to the "open" system. Let us hope that this "boundary" can be fixed without first reducing the whole of Europe to rubble.

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3. Reproduction of an article appearing in the "American Mercury" on the danger of Communism in Italy.

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The failure of the London Conference means that Italy must go on living under the armistice clauses which imply an international inferiority, excluding us not only from the organization of the United Nations, but also from Dumbarton Oaks

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and the international economic collaboration. Doesn't the Allies prove their good intention of rehabilitating Italy, materially and morally, by freeing us from the armistice regime ? (Solari Genoa)

MONDO

Is Italy destined to pass under the protectorate of the Big Powers ? We realize that nowadays, small nations have to accept the guidance of big powers; however, we should like to know whether the treatment reserved for Italy is part of the plan for a general organization to guarantee democratic institutions in all countries, and to defend all States against the aggressions of their neighbours, or whether it is a special case and part of a punitive system. We agree to be collaborators, but we won't be placed under a protectorate.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - M.M.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

The armistice conditions are disastrous for our economy, says Nicimoro. Italy can resume no commercial relations, and one has to ask for permission before starting anything. A way must be found to free Italy from part at least of the bonds that prevent her from living.

STECOLO XX (Finance)

We must hope that bureaucracy won't interfere too much with our foreign trade when its resumption will be possible. (F. Cremona)

TEMPO (Independent)

Ugolarmo Corbino writes on the financial situation of the State.

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6. The Inter-ministerial Committee for reconstruction has examined the problem of war damage.

7. The military Ministries are studying a plan for amnesties to deserters.

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8. The Sindaco and other members of the municipality of Rome spoke to the press on matters concerning the Commune; they stated that plans for the reconstitution of the municipal police are being studied, this particularly in order to be able to control prices.

9. The Council of the Cabinet met yesterday at the Viminale to examine the preparations for the electoral lists.

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10. Washington economic circles believe that commercial relations between Italy and the United States will shortly return to normal.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

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INDIPENDENTE

1. During the war, Sicily felt abandoned by the central Government which no longer protected the interests of the region. The Sicilians remembered all previous grudges and separatism progressed. However, the Sicilians are now realizing their mistake. Regional autonomy will be the first experiment of the new democracy.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

In its leading article the paper explains why the High Court of Justice is to be replaced by extraordinary Courts of Assizes

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and how without these Courts of Assizes the High Commissariat for epuration was incapable to carrying to completion all the work it has started.

2. On the 9th of September, exactly two years after the shameful flight of the King, a plague has been set up on the Ortona port, where the monarchist caravan spent hours of fear.

3. Article on the miserable situation of bank employes who don't earn enough even to eat.

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2. Commenting on the political epuration of university teachers, Babeuf says that the only logical thing to do is now to appoint Nenni, Togliatti and Calosso etc. in their stead.

MOMENTO

1. Living conditions of officials and pensioned-off employees. The Government has decided to do something for the officials. It cannot disregard the just claims of pensioned-off employees and let

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2. Momento gives details on the neo-Fascist movement discovered in Milan.

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10. Journalists in possession of their special press cards to be allowed to use preferential seats in trains.

11. Byrnes stated, during his press conference, that he sees no reason why the Italian armistice should not be published and that he had gone to London with the intention of revising the conditions of this armistice which he considers very hard and

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surpassed; this revision, however, be added, would not be necessary should the armistice be replace shortly by a peace treaty. He also said that the possibility of such a revision had been discussed in Berlin but that neither Great Britain nor Russia had agreed to the American point of view.

12. At yesterday's COUNCIL OF MINISTERS the question of increase of salary to state employees was discussed at length; the great weight that this increase would represent to the budget of the State, the influence it might have in the life of the country and the necessity that this should be the very last increase of the kind and that its importance should not be annulled by an immediate increase in the cost of living, have forced the Ministers to long debates. The question will be taken up again at the next meeting of the Council on Wednesday. Jacini stated that it is the Government's intention to solve this question all at once and not by small delayed instalments which would only further complicate matters. The Minister of Finance suggested that part of the increase be given in foodstuff. Togliatti approved. Togliatti spoke also about relations between the Ministry of Justice and the magistracy. An extraordinary allotment of 1,700,000 lire to the Accademia dei Lincei was approved. The right to question of the Consulta was then discussed.

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19. The Pirelli works of Tivoli to produce, for the time being, only tires for cars.

20. The price for bicycles in Northern Italy has been fixed at 8,050 lire. (G.U.)

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21. Families of British officers who will remain in Italy to be allowed to join them.

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2. Pensioned-off employees are starving, for an average pension amounts to 70 lire per day. Something must be done for them, urges G. Wanderlingh.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

The independence of the Magistracy must be safeguarded, writes Roehrssen: not only should it not be possible to discharge magistrates, but they should also be better paid.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The Costituente will not only have to decide about to the institutional question, but also to create a Bill of Rights for the citizens and to determine the form of the State so as to avoid confusion of powers. It is unfortunate that the Costituente should be summoned while Monarchy is still in power, says L. Magrini, at a time when we need full regional and communal autonomy.

2. Why should democratic America put so many obstacles in the way of Italian citizens who want to leave the United States and return to democratic Italy ? Prisoners of war are being repatriated, and, in comparison, free citizens such as Sturzo or the republican Natoli, should be even more privileged to return home.

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2. The ability of every Government consists in being capable of interpreting the time in which it lives so as to facilitate, by political action, the evolution of the country, says Vincenzo Romanelli writing about the art and technique of governing.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

After the interruption of the London Conference, Italy has remained like a corpse which has not been buried and rots and poisons the air around it. From a very detailed account of the

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meeting, we deduce that it really might have been able to be carried to its end, that the interruption was not necessary. But Italy gets one consolation, from the fact that she is so completely helpless; and perhaps such a condition may bring a tinge of remorse to the other powers. In two years, since they have landed in Italy, the Allies have been able to deprive us of all our illusions; their policy has been identified as an active force for our reactionary elements; monarchy, from a period of passiveness, has passed to action and from it the "qualunquismo" was born whose only aim is to lower, in public opinion, all democratic institutions. Therefore, concludes Repaci, we can only repeat again that Italy, if she wants to rehabilitate herself, must only count on Italians.

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. Italy may be considered as a rich country for she produces many things required by other nations, many products which have acquired international fame. We must sell our work. As we cannot compete with the huge output of other countries, we must specialize in handicrafts, and such products in which the cost of the raw material is small while the working represents everything. (L. Barzini)

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2. Report on the position of Italian P.O.W. scattered all over the world.

MOMENTO - N.R.

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12. During his conference to the foreign press Parri stated that Bevin's confirmation of the statement already made by Byrnes on the internationalisation of the port of Trieste, while the town will remain Italian, is a source of satisfaction for Italy. Commenting on Byrnes words that the new democratic Italian constitution would be under international guarantee, Parri said that should this fact limit Italian sovereignity - as well as the sovereignity of all other European nations in the interest of peace, then this international guarantee is not only acceptable but desirable. (At this point Parri specified that this is his personal opinion) Should instead, he went on, Byrnes' words be interpretated as relating only to Italy - and perhaps other minor states - then this international guarantee is not justified. The same thing I say about disarmament, continued the President, which is the best solution as long as all countries submit to it. He then insisted on the necessity for Italy, of obtaining at least a temporary juridical peace, as it seems that the peace treaty will not be signed now till next Spring or even next Summer. We also need an economic guarantee that our many and urgent needs will be satisfied, he said, Everyone knows how grateful Italy is to the United Nations for all the help and relief she has obtained so far, but unhappily she needs more. Parri then gave details on the food and raw materials situation in the country. He ended by insisting on the necessity of modifying the armistice clauses, so as to allow Italy a greater freedom in dealing with her internal affairs, among which epuration. Questioned at this point whether, when he said that the armistice clauses impose limits in the field of sanctions against Fascism he meant that there are in Italy people who cannot be touched because of the armistice clauses, Parri said: "Some of these clauses tie our hands. But this does not mean what you now think. According to the armistice we are not free to proceede against a certain category of arrested people whom the Allies keep at their disposal. The Allies have their good reasons, but this means that some people whom we consider as guilty, are withdrawn from us".

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14. General Dunlop, A.M.G. provincial commissioner for Verona, stated that the passage of the northern provinces to Italian administration may take place at the end of this month, but that nothing has been decided as yet.

15. Nitti was received yesterday by the Pope.

16. The first Swedish ship to leave for Italy on Saturday, loaded with wood-pulp, trucks and clothing. (A.P.)

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17. Italian credit in Great Britain, for goods which Italy has supplied to England, amounts to about one and a half billion lire.

18. General W.D. Morgan has been appointed Allied Commander in chief for the Mediterranean, to replace Field Marshal Alexander. (REUTER)

19. The Consulta to meet between the 20th and the 30th of every month.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

The situation in Alto Adige: the Italians remember Nazi persecution and the inhabitants of German origin feel they are being treated as second class citizens. The question of Alto Adige is to be shortly discussed in London; it is to our interest to give satisfaction to the foreign population by granting their legitimate requests; however, this isn't enough; we must give them guarantees that our promises will be kept. (Ptolemaeus)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.N.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. The problem of sharecropping must be solved without violence; there must be no regulations with a general character, for the conditions are too different according to the farms and the regions. The problem must be solved so as not to prejudice production. (Giovanni Pallastrelli)

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. When the time for elections comes, says Avanti, it is necessary not to cause disorders and not to head provocations.

2. Apparently, writes Antonio Borgoni, the London Conference failed owing to some matters of procedure, but in reality the whole problem is far more involved. The Council of the Five Foreign Ministers' is no longer up to its task which now has a far

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greater scope. To mislead public opinion in the labyrinth of procedure instead of tackling the problems which are worrying the world, means preparing humankind to a dreadful future.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Peace is approaching but our Armistice is still kept secret, writes bitterly Epoca. All the other nations know the text of their surrender, but evidently Italians are more guilty for they were the first ones to abandon Nazi-Fascism.

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1. Why have the northern provinces, five months after their liberation, not been handed over to the Italian administration ? Because the Allies do not consider these provinces able of self-government, and this is due to the C.L.N. which does not give the necessary guarantee of democracy, explains Enzo Selvaggi. The C.L.N. is trying to bluff both at home and abroad, making appear things under a light more convenient to it.

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1. Why have the northern provinces, five months after their liberation, not been handed over to the Italian administration ? Because the Allies do not consider these provinces able of self-government, and this is due to the C.L.N. which does not give the necessary guarantee of democracy, explains Enzo Selvaggi. The C.L.N. is trying to bluff both at home and abroad, making appear things under a light more convenient to it.

2. One has the impression that none of the coalition parties is truly willing to hold the elections. They make much noise just to hide their intention of keeping the positions they have managed to acquire, comments I.N.

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3. Why has Finocchiaro Aprile not been tried for attempting at the unity of his homeland, asks Babeuf ? And why are those who want to separate Venezia Giulia from Italy not condemned too ?

LIBERA STAMPA

L.S. reports that an enormous number of weapons have been collected by the Carabinieri all over Italy.

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MOMENTO

L.L. hopes that the Government is finally going to decide that all future increases of salary are to be paid partly in nature. When production happens to be inferior to requirements, the Government can choose between the policy of the 'ammassi' and free trade. However, free trade implies high prices for goods which are very scarce and so all people with a fixed income cannot afford them. The only remedy would be to distribute essential products at fixed prices instead of paying higher salaries.

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1. Even a moderate increase of salary to the two million - at such amounts their number in Italy - state employees, means, for the State buiget, that billions of lire must be found every month. Where can this money be found? The only solution, says Ottavio Pastore, is to go on with confiscation of Fascist profits.

2. The C.G.I.L. has managed to gather in Rome a fair amount of textiles and shoes which are to be distributed at low prices to all workers and employees, starting on Monday.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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10. The decree on increase of rents has been signed by the Luogotenente and will become effective starting on the first of November.

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11. During a meeting between the Pisa autharities and the representatives of the A.M.G., the Allies gave the assurance that Italian workers would rapidly replace German prisoners who will be sent to clear mines. It was also decided to derequisition all industrial plants and all premises which are still occupied by the Allied forces. (L.)

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19. Finocchiaro Aprile's wife has been authorized to join her husband on the isle of Ponza.

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21. Nenni and Togliatti have arrived in Milan.

22. A ceremony took place yesterday at the Italo-American Association to celebrate Columbus Day. Admiral Stone, Ambassador Kirk, Parri, De Gasperi, and members of the Italian Government

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were present. Orlando read the message addressed by Truman to Italy a few days ago. Parri made a speech. He praised the gallantry of the American Army and declared his satisfaction that, in this day which is dear both to Italians and to Americans, General Clark and Mr. Lehman are awarded high decorations for the work they have done for Italy. Parri ended by thanking President Truman and all the American people for the relief which has been sent and is being sent to Italy. Orlando then reminded the audience that on this same occasion, in 1918, he sent a similar message to America. Now, he said, Italy has the misfortune of being, legally, America's enemy; the two countries are, however, linked by very strong bonds. America has lived up to her highest ideals, and so now the power of the United States is great throughout the whole world. The cooperation between independent and autonomous states is America's glory, and might represent the salvation of the world, or, in any case, of Europe. Italy hopes that such cooperation will take place, even should this mean a diminished sovereignity. Italy does not want to be protected, said Orlando, but she needs to be helped. It was then Sforza's turn to speak; he said that it should not be forgotten that two years before the end of hostilities Italians had already passed, spiritually, on the Allies' side. The president of the Consulta added that nobody should forget that asking for peace for Italy, is merely a sign of filial loyalty towards the United States, because the greatness of the continent discovered by Columbus can be based only on justice.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE - N.N.

IL LAVORO - (C.G.I.L.)

1. It is essential for Italy to reconstruct her harbors. What action do the various Ministers concerned intend to take, asks Marino de Stefano.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. V.R. regrets that Parri did not make those statements during Thursday's press conference in a more solmn manner. Parri should have more courage, and make his statements stronger and

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more official, which is his right to do.

2. Pacciardi does not approve of the initiative which the Communist and Socialist parties have taken of holding meetings for the Costituente, because by so doing they give the Costituente a party character which it should not have. When the date for the political elections is fixed, goes on Pacciardi, then it will be our turn to move and fight for the advent of the Republic.

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2. A commission is drafting the electoral law which is to be submitted to the Consulta. However, it appears that on the 10th, the Communist and Socialist members forming the said commission proposed and passed a motion that there should be at least 70 days between the summoning of the electoral meetings and the day of the elections. As this draft must be submitted to the Consulta and passed by the Council of Ministers, it won't be possible for the elections to take place before Spring. The meeting which is to take place tomorrow is meant to exercise pressure on the Consulta to make a hurried study of the draft, and increase the discontent of the masses by making them believe that delay is to be blamed on 'reaction'.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Luigi Cacciatore, explaining the meaning of tomorrow's meeting at the Palatino, says that the fundamental problem of Italy's national life is still the problem of freedom and democracy. It is not, therefore, a question of showing restlessness and giving rise to disorders but of letting the people know the real situation of the country and obtaining from them, in a legal form, their opinion. It is hoped that nobody, either in Italy or abroad, will see any other meaning in tomorrow's meeting. It is also hoped that nobody will be so inconsiderate as to create incidents, because provocation cannot be accepted by a free people.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

Should Trieste remain Italian only because of a diplomatic formula, and be surrounded by Slav territory, this would only mean that Italy would be wounded, Yugoslavia would be wounded

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and Trieste itself would be wounded and mutilated, writes Sforza in an article on Italo-Yugoslav relations.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Barbagallo writes on the necessity of carrying on agrarian reform; the question, what with the Costituente and other matters, has been somewhat neglected, and it is high time to take it up again, for it is not true, as many seem to believe that no such reform is necessary in Italy.

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2. Speculators are quicker than the Government, writes Gerolamo Pecoje. In Bari, in spite of agreements made between the A.C. and the Government, Allied surplus stocks are still being sold to private persons or concerns. An auction was to be held on the 16 by the American command, but it won't take place, for it seems that a company offered 100 millions for the whole stock: aluminium, steel, rubber, leather, canvass, etc.

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SECOLO XX (Finance)

Italy's rehabilitation is impossible as long as we don't have a peace treaty.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. There is good news from London and Washington; the London Conference may go on, the Big Three may meet, Italy may obtain a provisional peace. But every week that passes, says Tempo, renders still darker the already dark atmosphere of this tragic postwar period.

2. Parri, questioned on the matter, said that in referring to some of the clauses of the Italian Armistice during his recent press conference, he only aimed at giving an example of the importance of these clauses and at showing that the powers conferred to the Allies would entitle them to even stricter control over Italy. Tempo wonders why Parri goes on speaking to the foreign press; never any of Parri's words or statements made during his foreign press conferences have appeared in any foreign paper, Tempo asserts.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Edoardo d'Onofrio points out the importance of tomorrow's demonstration.

2. Unità gives a summary of Scoccimarro's speech in Milan, in which the Communist Minister of Finance stated that the Communist party is in Italy the strongest of all.

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GENERAL

1. The press office of the Prefettura of Bolzano states that the Prefettura has not granted permission for the "Unione latina" to be formed. (ANSA)

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6. The "New York Post" writes in favor of the publication of the Italian Armistice. (U.P.)

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to "face the hard task of reconstruction with the courage and foresight of Columbus".

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19. Neo-Fascist pamphlets were distributed in Milan.

20. According to the "Gazette de Lausanne", the Italian Government has taken steps with the Swiss Government to see

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that Italian citizens be expelled from Switzerland with less hardness. Many Italian families have been expelled simply because they had belonged to the Fascist party. The Italian Government explained that the mere fact of having once belonged to the Fascist party does not imply that a citizen is "undesirable". The case, of course, is different for these who joined the Fascist Republican party.

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2. Mario Alessandrini writes on the necessity of re-establishing international cultural relations.

3. Monarchists have distributed a pamphlet urging the people to express their preference for Monarchy or for the Republic by a plebiscite rather than by the Costituente. V.R. defends the Costituente, saying that it guarantees the choice of the people who are free to vote either for republican or monarchist candidates, as they please. Should the monarchist candidates elected be more numerous than the republican ones, we shall have monarchy, and the other way round. It is not only a question of solving the institutional problem; the foundations of a new state are to be laid by the Costituente, and a plebiscite cannot do this.

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GLOBO (Economic)

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - N.N.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The leftist parties have placed the political fight on a new ground: there are two categories of parties; those which are for the Costituente and those which are against it, i.e. which don't want it at once. They prefer to ignore the fact

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that the electoral lists have to be entirely re-made. Nenni stated a few days ago that the date of the Costituente was shortly to be fixed, so what is the good of today's meeting ? We want to know whether the delay is due to technical difficulties or to political sabotage. Considering that the preparation of the elections depends on the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry for the Costituente, the six parties should be fully aware of technical difficulties, if there are any; if action has been taken to delay the elections, the six parties are equally responsible. Why are the instructions given by Parry to the prefects kept secret ? We also know that Parri asked the prefects for their opinion about the probable result of the political elections. From the answers, it appears that the opposition would have nothing to fear from such elections. Why don't the elections take place ? Why don't we start with administrative elections ? (Scrutator)

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2. A great part of the population feels rather sceptical about the six parties, and applauds Nitti; the rest is for the C.L.Ns. Unfortunately, we cannot find out what group is entitled to take the leadership. It is obvious that the Costituente cannot be summoned at once and that its preparation will take several months. Why don't we start with the administrative elections? (Giorgio Tupini)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

SECOLO XX (Finance) - N.N.

TEMPO (Independent)

Commenting on De Gaulle's statement, Italo Zingarelli says it is a good sign that he emphasized that Italy couldn't be compared to Germany and was an indispensable element in the Mediterranean. De Gaulle, and France as well, must know that we wish to forget the past and to collaborate. We are not aiming at blocks which only bring about mistrust; what we want is a solidarity of political, economic and cultural interests. We hope that France won't insist on making territorial claims which are bound to create bad feelings.

UNITA' (Communist)

Longo's statement on the meeting of October 14th: a great popular demonstration will ask for a republican Costituente, a democratic and progressive reform of industry, assuring that the management of our chief industries will no longer be in the hands of 'speculators and adventurers', but in the hands of organisms in which the opinion of the workers is to prevail; an agrarian reform which will give the land to those who work on it.

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GENERAL

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14. Italy to be represented at the World's Youth Conference in London.

15. 400,000 pairs of shoes to be distributed shortly.

16. An Allied depot of tires and clothing on fire in Naples. (L.S.)

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

1. According to Indipendente, the majority of Italians should not pay for the faults and crimes committed by Fascism, for they resisted the dictatorship as and how they could. We hope, therefore, says the paper, that our peace will be a constructive one and will allow us to participate in the rebuilding of the world's civilisation.

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2. The account of the Palatino meeting is given under the headline "the Leftist parties have demonstrated in favor of the Costituente; incendiary banners and musical bands".

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Italian bureaucracy functions badly, complains Nino Gaeta; there are too many high ranking officials, but small employees do their duty most efficiently. Bureaucracy should be

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reorganized.

2. The Government should remember that Sicily represents one tenth of Italy, and that the country must not be divided in Northern and Southern Italy. The big landowners of the South and the gun manufacturers of the North contribute to spread this lie, for they fear the formation of a new proletarian leading class. (Giuseppe Lombardo)

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2. Many people - particularly those who had a guilty conscience - expected a revolution to take place on Sunday at 10,15, writes Mino Caudana. A notorious agitator, very brave with his words, went on hiding on friday night and did not reappear till Monday morning, goes on the writer evidently meaning Giannini; this, he says, is not only stupidity, but also bad faith, aiming at spreading a psychology of terror. It would be difficult to describe the crowd which gather on the Palatine on Sunday, goes on M.C.; it might be described as the "march of the

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back to organised and civilised life. Sunday's demonstrations have been the best answer to Nitti's speech and to the lack of faith of those who would like the people to lose interest in political parties. Sunday's meetings have proved that democracy exists already, though much has to be done yet; and we hope that the Allies too have realised its existence.

2. Comandini's speech, at Sunday's meeting, is given in full.

3. Paolo Alatri gives a description of the inauguration of the new bridge on the Po and of the work which went to rebuild it.

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Commenting on the monarchic thesis, M. says it seems difficult for all parties to come to an agreement on the matter. Italians won't find a solution in a compromise. They must be the arbiters of their own fate.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Costituente implies absolute popular sovereignity, and true democratic feelings; otherwise it will be nothing but a myth. (Giuseppe Sala)

2. The Pirelli plant at a standstill because of lack of raw materials.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Some people protest against all so-called 'de luxe' activities. They should remember that Italy has no raw materials and that her only possibility of trading with foreign countries consists in exporting 'de luxe' articles. The Allied soldiers, who represent prospective clients, won't ask for our 'autarchic' textiles when they go home, but for our wines or fashion items. (Trasmo)

TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità's head-line, across the whole front page, is "Three million Italian workers demonstrate for the Costituente. The greatest demonstration of national political maturity".

2. In the second page, under the heading "A new Rome is being born", the paper gives a description of the meeting on the Palatine.

3. Unità gives the figures of the people who attended the demonstrations for the Costituente in various Italian towns.

4. Togliatti's speech in Milan is given in full.

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10. 30,000 men belonging to the American Military Police landed in Naples on the 6th; half of them were sent to Sicily and half to the North. (ARI)

11. Vito Mussolini, interviewed by a Milan journalist in the San Vettore prison, stated that he has no idea what he is accused of. Asked to give his opinion on his uncle Benito he said that he believes everyone should wait 50 years before expressing any opinion on him. (ANSA)

12. The Yugoslav authorities have seized all personal files from the Fiume municipal register evidently with the intention of

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altering dates and making thus more people appear Slav. (S.)

13. Naples communal employees are threatening to go on strike if they are not paid the 5,000 lire indemnity which they should have been paid some time ago. (S.)

14. No bread was baked yesterday in Castellammare di Stabbia owing to lack of flour. (S.)

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30. The Cervaro zone infested by bandits wearing Allied uniforms.

31. Fights took place in Foligno between veterans back from Russia, (where they had been carried from German concentration camps during the Russian advance in Germany) and the crowd which, to greet them, shouted "Viva la Russia".

32. The Liberal party has issued an order of the day stressing the urgency of carrying through epuration as speedily as possible, and suggesting that it should not be entrusted to private concerns.

33. UNRRA to give assistance to Italian refugees.

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34. Don Sturzo has postponed his departure from the United States owing to bad health.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

The paper publishes an article on Sicilian Separatism which was written before the arrest of Pinocchiaro Aprile.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

Politicus gives figures of the Italians who have a right to vote for the Constituente and of the members who will be elected in each region.

SECOLO XX (Finance)

The Separatists are leaving Finocchiaro Aprile to his fate, writes Alfredo Nazio, however, this does not mean that

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the problem of separatism is solved. The present conditions can be changed only if the Government realizes that the present Sicilian problems are neither local nor regional, but Italian and continental at the same time.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Commenting on the meetings for the Costituente, V.R. hopes that all the classes of the population will live up to the standard set by the leftist parties.

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2. Some impressions of Lizzadri on the Unions' World Congress held in Paris are reported by Avanti. Lizzadri gives particular stress to the different spirit with which the peace problem is tackled by the Governments and by the workers.

3. Thanks to U.N.R.R.A. (importation of textile workers and employees) Roman workers can now buy manufactured goods at reasonable prices, writes Avanti reporting on how these goods are being sold in via del Tritone.

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Epoca reprints an article by H.J. Laski under the heading "Who won the war?"

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. There has been so much talk about Trieste and its harbour, that this harbour has become, on paper, a huge one, and it has acquired a much greater capacity than it really has. Aldo Montemuliano compares the "internationalised" situation of the Trieste port - according to the London Conference - with the situation of other European ports.

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2. Scrutator does not approve of the Communist intention of depriving of their political rights all those who, born under fascism, know no better than to join the fascist party.

3. Under the head-line "Politique d'abord" Il Risveglio says that there are at present in Italy over one million unemployed.

4. It seems, according to Il Risveglio, that Italy will be allowed an army of 150,000 men.

UNITA' SOCIALE

1. The parties which are promoting the Costituente consider it as a myth suitable for the present frame of mind of the masses. The slogan of the Costituente bringing bread and work has been criticized: however we must realize that this is the only way to convince the greater part of the population which is politically uneducated and must be told something concrete. Those who are against the Costituente have only to find as good a slogan. (Verex)

2. It seems that the action party is going to modify its program in the following way: Separation from Social-Communism - close union with Christian Democracy - support of the Parri Government.

The so-called strategic position of the party remains unchanged: under the republic, respect of small and middle sized property - suppression of large estates, socialization of great industry.

3. An association for the traffic of drugs has been discovered in Isola Catania.

UOMINI - N.D.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

The Christian Democrat party is organizing a demonstration for November 1st which is to be the day of National Solidarity.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

The Order of the Day of the Liberal party (see under General No. 12) is given in full.

DOMANI (Independent)

It would be/ useless at present to try and change everything [illegible] would seem still to favour the coalition of the

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5. A.J. Cummings of the News Chronicle, wrote yesterday: "I have been informed that the British Army will very soon leave Italy. What will happen there when our forces have gone ? I know that for a few cigarets one can get hand grenades at any Rome street corner." (U.P.)

6. The Council of Ministers met yesterday. It immediately tackled the question of increase of salary to State employes and examined the three plans presented respectively by the Ministry of the Treasury, by representatives of the employes and by the Commission of Undersecretaries. The three plans agree on the fact that increases should be based inversely on the

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5. A.J. Cummings of the News Chronicle, wrote yesterday: "I have been informed that the British Army will very soon leave Italy. What will happen there when our forces have gone ? I know that for a few cigarets one can get hand grenades at any Rome street corner." (U.P.)

6. The Council of Ministers met yesterday. It immediately tackled the question of increase of salary to State employes and examined the three plans presented respectively by the Ministry of the Treasury, by representatives of the employes and by the Commission of Undersecretaries. The three plans agree on the fact that increases should be based inversely on the basic salary; the three plans, however, differ on the other points, and the final decision will probably be taken by next week's Council. It was meanwhile decided that the Ministry of Food will allot at least six billion lire to help supply food to workers and employees. At the end of the meeting the Council issued an order of the day which, after stating that the Government recognises the difficulties that the State employes have to face owing to the high cost of living, adds that an increase of salary to all State employes means a terrific expense for the State budget and that the money necessary for such an increase must be found somewhere, since all extraordinary funds which the State can lay its hands on, by means of emergency

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measures, go to fight unemployment. The Government states that it can face no further expense and that, on the other hand, as no increase of food would counterbalance the increase of salaries - as the country is very short of food - this increase would have the only effect of making the cost of living still higher. The order of the day continues saying that, as the matter is a very serious one which cannot be solved without serious study, the Council has decided to grant all State employees a special indemnity of two thousand lire which will be considered as first instalment on the definite increase and which will be paid starting at the end of this month. It was also decided that a similar measure would be taken for "State pensionati" and that the amount of the indemnity would be fixed very shortly. The Council will meet again this afternoon to study the many problems which it did not have time to examine yesterday.

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12. London well informed circles cannot confirm the news according to which British troops are supposed to evacuate Italy, states Agence France Press.

13. Import of Italian wines to England to increase during the coming year, announced the British Ministry of Food.

14. According to Radio Paris discussions have started in Paris to change some of the clauses of the Italian armistice. (ORBIS)

15. During his press conference Byrnes stated that Washington is contacting the Rome Govt, through the American Ambassador in Rome, to see what can be done to change some of the clauses of the Italian armistice.(U.P.)

16. Interviewed by ANSA Sforza stated that only from yesterday's papers had he learned about the notice issued by the League for the

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Defence of Democratic Freedom and that it is therefore not true that he approved of it.

17. Spezia-Pisa railway to be re-opened to traffic shortly.

18. Seems a British unit intends buying up all the FIAT shares. (SIBI)

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

1. Interview with Ferruzzi, secretary of the "League for Democratic Freedom"; questioned why the League had issued the manifesto he said that it was done precisely to defend Democratic freedom by defending the one-member-constituency electoral system. We don't want, he said, the present Government - whose legality we do not discuss as it was born under exceptional circumstances - to have the power to establish an electoral system which would favour one political current rather than another. If our "manifesto" appears to be more rightist than leftist, this was not intentional and anyhow many of the signers of it, as Nitti and Bonomi, don't belong to any political party, and Labriola himself has given his adhesion to our moment. If we really want to reach real democracy we must have a real parliament and not merely a smaller edition of the various political parties at the time of the elections. We hastened the publication of our notice because we knew that the ministerial commission had already prepared a plan for using the proportional electoral system.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

Interviewed by T. del P. Bonomi points out the advantages

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of the one-member-constituency electoral system and the disadvantages of the proportional system which favour the few men and parties which are in power.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. V.R. expresses its disapproval of the one-member-constituency electoral system which, it says, by having votes for the person instead than for the party, favours "camarillas". Why does this League call itself the League for Democratic Freedom ? asks V.R. Democracy has nothing to do with all this; democracy is very different from this, it is perhaps even the contrary.

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the past twenty years we have learnt that those who accept arbitrary acts lose their dignity and become responsible for the injustices. We will not lose our dignity and we shall have the right and the duty to resist any unjust and arbitrary act.

2. Avanti reprints a letter by the British Command (sic) to Bertini eulogising his services to the Allied cause during the Italian campaign.

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people who, through resistance and struggle, have won freedom for Italy and Italian democracy. The writer then passes on to give an account of the aims of the Action party which, he says, does not want to be a mass party nor an "elite" party, but merely a party for Italians.

2. Article on the present legislative situation of the Italian film industry.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The last barricade. Article by Lucifero in support of yesterday's Manifest. He sees in it the last defence against the encroaching dictatorship of the six parties.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Commenting on the meeting of the magistrates, T. says that such incidents as the Brosio and Venditti cases prove a complete disagreement among the members of the Govt. The present coalition can only justify itself by a certain homogeneity of action; instead of that, it gives the impression that each Ministry is

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technique, he would then put nothing to carry out a policy of justice, a punitive policy ruled by party spirit.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità goes on reporting on the demonstration for the Costituente, last Sunday.

2. The paper reprints a circular appearing in the Milan Unità of yesterday, which is headed "Secret Ministerial circular, 1-9-46" and invites all "Republicans" troops which have shown, after the liberation of Venezia Giulia, their anti-Slav sentiments, to keep all their arms and use them in their anti-Communist propaganda and in favour of the monarchy. The circular is signed Gen. Diamanti.

3. The Villaggio del reduce - the village of veterans - to be built in Istria.

4. Words on the "Telespica" incident and on the meaning of "freedom of the press".

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started, by the end of the year, at least in some provinces. He ended his speech by saying that the proportional electoral system is better for the formation of the Costituente. The Council then decided: to grant a special subsidy to all unemployed veterans; to allow the use of the German language for dealings in Bolzano province, and dealt with other minor matters of internal administration.

11. The new Polish Ambassador presented his credentials to the Luogotenente.

12. State employees are not pleased with the decisions taken at Wednesday's Council of Ministers on increase of salaries.

13. The cotton which has arrived from America is this time of good quality. (S.U.)

14. Oats no longer to be given to the "ammassi".

15. At yesterday's French Council of Ministers it was stated that France needs one million foreign workers; it is foreseen that the majority of them will be Italian.

16. An agreement was signed yesterday by which 300 million worth of surplus war material is going to be handed over to the Italian Govt.

17. Scoccimarro stated that rules on confiscation of Fascist profits will be revised and rendered more efficient.

18. A few cases of small pox in Padova. (ANSA)

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SECOLO XX (Liberal Independent)

We must have no illusions about Nenni's social republic: it isn't going to be a republic where the legitimate claims of the

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workers are to be asserted; it is to be a class dictatorship with all its consequences. The republican leftist parties don't want a parliamentary republic any more than they want a monarchy. We should remember that parliament is our one guarantee of freedom. (Manlio Lupinacci)

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. It is simply monstruous that several months after the end of the war the Italians still shouldn't know the international obligations to which a treacherous monarchy has pledged them. Whatever the opinion of some members of the Allied Commission may be, our people may be proud of having fought fascism in spite of the incomprehension of the victors; they enforced the king and Badoglio on us; they limited our army and armament and yet we fought. We gave everything to the Allied cause. Now we feel entitled to a status enabling us to be masters in our own house and resume uncontrolled relations with the rest of the world. (Facciardi)

2. V.R. publishes a letter by a Magistrate of the Corte dei Conti protesting against the attacks made by the Govt against the independence and competence of the said court. A Govt which thus anticipates the decisions which should be made by the Constituente can no longer be considered as democratic.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Avanti explains why, at present, the Socialist party cannot and will not get out of the C.L.N. and of the Govt, passing thus to the opposition.

2. Commenting on the meeting of the Central Committee of the Socialist party, Avanti states that every member felt the necessity of freeing the party from its static position and giving it more stamina, elasticity and initiative.

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2. V.E. publishes a letter by a Magistrate of the Corte dei Conti protesting against the attacks made by the Govt against the independence and competence of the said court. A Govt which thus anticipates the decisions which should be made by the Costituente can no longer be considered as democratic.

WORKING PARTIES

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

Giornale del Mattino points out the necessity for Italy of reaching a peace treaty, whether definite of provisional, so as to get out of her unsettled position.

GLOBO (Economic)

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2. Order of the Day of the Christian Democrat party on the sharecropping problem. Sharecropping contracts should be revised according to social justice; however, the particular conditions of the various regions must be kept in mind, for the new sharecropping contract must answer the requirements of the farmers and yet not discourage the landowner.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. It is time for the parties to issue a limited and clear program. We cannot go on making compromises. The liberal party is for private initiative, agrarian and industrial reforms that take conditions in consideration; it is also for the reorganization of the State, and for open and straitforward political argument. (Mario Ferrara)

2. It is rather in bad taste that the Communist party should elect Jaksetich, 1st lieutenant of Tito at the time of the massacres and deportations, as honorary president of the congress. Besides, Jaksetich openly professed his anti-italian feelings.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article by A. Carvaglia, emphasizing the necessity for Italy to work as hard as she can.

2. In Castellammare di Stabbia, the Allied sold to private persons and to a Milanese firm 56 trucks and 40,000 tyres which cost 6 lire a kg. This material is being sold unlawfully between Rome, Milan and Naples, and the benefits made by the Milanese firm amount to several hundred of millions. The authorities of Castellammare di Stabbia reported this fact to the Govt.

3. The large amount of medicines shipped to Italy by the Allies will greatly contribute to normalizing market.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Salaries must be increased, but at the same time everything possible must be done so that this money which the State puts out by facing tremendous difficulties does not all end in the pockets of profiteers and blackmarketeers, says V.S.

2. Unità defends the printers who refused to print a paper containing insults against them.

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9. Railway service between Italy and France, through Ventimiglia, to be re-established in a fortnight.

10. The AMG provincial commissioner for Verona stated that though the Veneto railway traffic has passed to Italian administration - except in Venezia Giulia - the Allied authorities will however continue to "supervise the concern in order to guarantee communications and supplies necessary to the Allied troops in Italy, Germany and Austria". (ANSA)

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11. An authorized representative of the Foreign Office states thatas that Great Britain is ready to examine with friendliness all requests made by Italy for a provisional peace. (I.N.S.)

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20. The Trieste C.L.N. paper "La Voce Libera" says that a "pacific Slav invasion of the town has been going on since May". The paper invites the Allied authorities to put an end to this state of affairs.

21. Conflicts between veterans and land-owners in Potenza province.

22. Three carabinieri killed by bandits in Sicily.

23. Forty prisoners escaped from the Modena prison.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

Quotidiano publishes Don Sturzo's answer to the farewell speeches which were addressed to him by the members of the "People and Freedom Society" of New York.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

Commenting on the Manifesto issued by the League for the Defence of Democratic Freedom, Amerigo Rosetti writes that in a fully organized democracy a referendum cannot be refused. However, at present, the situation may be different if judged

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from the practical point of view. The Italian nation is shortly to start the 'Administrative struggle' which will obviously come before the referendum, which will be followed by the consultation for the Constituents. Isn't it asking too much from a nation that has had no civil activity whatever for 25 years ? The commission preparing the draft must remove such limits to the rights of preference of the elector as have been mentioned by the press. Not to do so would be an offence to democratic principles.

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Carlo Sforza examines the feelings existing between the French and the Italian people and concludes by saying that the Italians can wait because the future is not against them.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. UNRRA is preparing plans for increasing relief to Italy

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and, stated Mr. Mooney to Globo, will try to include coal as well, among the items.

2. De Gasperi, by stating that Italy is not to pay for war reparations, but merely compensations, has merely shifted the matter from the political to the economic plan, says G. Selani-Bozzi, and we can't believe that this was his intention as Italy is not in a position to pay any kind of compensation.

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3. Togliatti has assumed the right to refuse commuting death sentences. Many requests which should have been sent to the Sovereign were simply filed and the sentences carried out. Questioned by Parri, Togliatti seems to have answered he had been advised to do so. By whom ?

4. The State is acting against the workers for all concerns which are under commissarial management are being mismanaged. (Rubeus)

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LIBERTA', STAMPA

What we want isn't the publication of the armistice clauses which, considering the present situation, are no longer up to date, but a peace, and if a definitive peace is impossible a agreement acknowledging that the armistice is now nothing but a historical document.

MONDO - N.N.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Casciani writes on the importance of Italian work on the international plan.

2. Christian Democracy's order of the day on black market: only a few fundamental foodstuffs such as bread, pasta, etc. should be rationed. The authorities should abolish all regulations which they cannot enforce, and provincial blocks should be abolished.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

TEMPO (Independent)

Ugo Arma Corsini, commenting on the failure of the London Conference, says that though, because of this failure, many people have been seized by panic and pessimism, we should not really be too downhearted, for there will not be another war.

UNITA' (Communist)

The Communist conference which is opening today will show the Romans, says Velio Spano, that the Communists intend providing Romans with heat and coal for the coming winter and fight black market and speculators.

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10. It seems that London and Washington have agreed to publish the Italian armistice as soon as a declaration stating why certain clauses have never been enforced and why others have been changed, is ready. (REUTER)

11. During a press conference the Polish Ambassador to Rome spoke about relations between Italy and Poland.

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12. The secretary of UNRRA stated that the relief that UNRRA gives to 800,000 Italian children and women cannot be extended to the whole Italian population unless UNRRA is allotted 4 or 5 hundred million dollars by the Govt.

13. Admiral Stone received yesterday the secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino who presented to the Chief Commissioner of the A.C. San Marino's claims for war reparations.

14. The Pirelli works will shortly start making tires for bicycles.

15. Piedmontese typographers have sent a message of congratulations to the Roman typographers for refusing to print the "Polemica".

16. A meeting was held yesterday at the Viminale under the chairmanship of Parri to discuss food problems and particularly the measures to be taken in order to provide food to certain categories of people who live on fixed incomes, as State employees.

17. Interviewed in London where he stopped on his way to Italy, Amedeo P. Giannini, founder and director of the Bank of America, stated that American capital will be invested in Italy when the military occupation of the country by the Allies is over. (A.P.)

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Guido Laj suggests that a referendum should be held to decide which electoral system should be used for the Costituente.

2. State employees, who are right in asking an increase of salary, for one cannot fight hunger with words, should however realize the effort that the State is making in order to find the money necessary for this increase.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

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14. The Pirelli works will shortly start making tires for bicycles.

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16. A meeting was held yesterday at the Viminale under the chairmanship of Parri to discuss food problems and particularly the measures to be taken in order to provide food to certain categories of people who live on fixed incomes, as State employees.

17. Interviewed in London where he stopped on his way to Italy, Amedeo P. Giannini, founder and director of the Bank of America, stated that American capital will be invested in Italy when the military occupation of the country by the Allies is over. (A.P.)

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CAPITALE - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Guido Laj suggests that a referendum should be held to decide which electoral system should be used for the Costituente.

2. State employees, who are right in asking an increase of salary, for one cannot fight hunger with words, should however realize the effort that the State is making in order to find the money necessary for this increase.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. In order to increase salaries of State employees without further burdening the State budget, the Govt must find the money where there is some, that is it must carry out confiscation of Fascist profits, says A.C.

2. The High Commissariat for Public Health has taken measures in order to ensure sale of pre-war medicines at fairly reasonable prices.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

Administrative elections first, says Luconi, and then the political ones.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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STCOLO XX (Liberal Independent) - N.N.

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According to Bonomi the existence of the Consulta and of the Costituente should not imply that no other technical councils must not exist within the State. Bonomi feels sure that the fact that the Costituente is so much desired and

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anxiously awaited by all Italians who see in it a defence against a possible future dictatorship, will suggest the means of defining its functions and formation.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Gino Valentini writes on agrarian reform.

2. Interviewed by Il Globo Ambassador Kirk stated that, according to him, the Italian economic situation will not improve very rapidly; follow figures on transport, crop, etc.

3. It seems that a decree will shortly be issued by which new industrial plants will have to be authorized by the Govt before they are set up.

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MOMENTO

It is the interest of the Govt, the parties, the citizens and democracy to eliminate unrest so that the elections may be hastened and their result unquestioned. (Berlinguer)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

We cannot deny the present state of unrest of the country which is making our reconstruction more difficult, but we can ask foreign nations, and particularly the Anglo-Americans, who never suffered from enemy occupation, to take in consideration the circumstances in which we participated in the fight against dictatorship. The Italian nation is entitled to attenuating conditions, and the sooner its legitimate rights are acknowledged by the Allies, the better it will be able to take action against the present unrest. (Giuseppe Brusasca)

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R/108/70/PRB October 23, 1945.

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3. Nine bakeries closed by order of the Prefect for having broken rationing rules.

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8. The American Senator Pepper, received yesterday a group of Italian and Allied journalists to whom he spoke about the international situation of Italy; he said that Italy's situation will be revised when Italy has a Govt which really represents the country and is responsible for it.

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11. An Interministerial Committee has dreafted a plan for the administrative elections, by which the proportional system will be used in large centers, while the single-member constituency system will be enforced in small centres. The Allied authorities have expressed their interest in the preparations and their wish to be kept informed about all decisions on the matter.

12. All papers give the results of the French election under huge head-lines; most of leading articles too are on the same subject.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Commenting on the incidents occured at Cagli between Veterans and members of the Italian Republican party, V.R. says that probably the Republicans were attacked by the veterans because the latter thought they were communists (The Republican party too has a red flag) but that more probably still the attackers were reactionary Fascist agents provocateurs.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Globo gives details on how the Costituente will be kept informed on economic matters.

2. Gerolamo Pedoja writes on the crisis of lodgings in Bari which is, he says, the most requisitioned town in Italy.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - N.N.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The C.L.N. of Venezia Giulia again asked for the truth about the Italians who have disappeared. Kardelj and the representatives of the Yugoslav Red Cross stated that there were no Italians in the Yugoslav concentration camps. It seems there are about 1200 corpses in the Basovizza foiba but they can hardly be identified for most of them get badly smashed by the crane by which they are taken out. The C.L.N. of Venezia Giulia asks for the official list of those who have been killed, for researches to be made in a way that won't compromise identification, for members of the press to be allowed to visit those places from where the corpses are being removed and for public opinion to be informed. The inhabitants of Trieste are indignant because the Italian Govt which was informed a long time ago about the massacres, seems to be protecting the murderers by taking no interest in the victims.

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2. Interview with Jacini: we shall have a small but well organized and efficient army.

MOMENTO - N.N.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - N.N.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

TEMPO (Independent)

Magistrates should be independent, writes Orvieto, and how can they be so if the Govt, the crowd and political organizations interfere with their work.

UNITA' (Communist)

Account of the first meeting of the Communist party.

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10. Roman lawyers approved an order of the day deploring the interference of the executive power aiming at limiting the free activity and independence of the juridical power.

11. London diplomatic circles consider that a provisional peace would not be more advantageous to Italy than a revision of the armistice clauses. (REUTER)

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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to refer more to a post Costituente period than to the Costituente itself.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

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LIBERA STAMPA

After commenting on the elections in France, L. Barzini says that with freedom and free discussion in the presence of a respected opposition, and with a democratic technique, Italy can carry out the most daring reforms.

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12. Mr. Harlan Cleveland, American civilian of the Foreign Economic Administration, has been appointed acting vice-president of the Economic Section of the A.C.

13. The representatives of the four Unions of State employees were received yesterday by Parri; they asked the President to increase the 2000 lire increase of salary and to maintain family indemnities. Parri assured them that their requests would be taken into consideration.

14. The Breda plants have been derequisitioned.

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15. Saragat left yesterday to return to Paris.

16. "The National Union for Reconstruction" is the name of the new political party which, it is rumored, Nitti will form at the beginning of November.

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28. 36 members of a band of thieves who "worked" in the Tuscolano, arrested.

29. Byrnes expressed hope that the text of the armistice may be published within a week.

30. The last number of the New York Italia Libera publishes an article by Salvemini in which the writer says that he is going to put an end to his collaboration with that paper because of the paper's anti-Parri line.

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31. More industrial plants [illegible] by the Allies in Livorno.
32. In Bari a seventeen year old boy kills three people in order to steal soap.
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2. Commenting on the separatist movement, Alfredo Mezio writes that the problem of armed bands is the same in Sicily as in the rest of Italy, and that therefore we have no reason to speak about a 'separatist army'. Sicily was liberated too soon and didn't undergo the experience of German occupation. Separatism was a kind of outlet for anti-fascism which couldn't express itself by fighting against the Germans.

3. To be efficacious, the law on Fascist profits should be fair and rapidly enforced. The President of the Special section said that concerns could only be sequestered in

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exceptional cases, and that, otherwise, caution measures would offer the necessary guarantees. Now an attempt is being made at statizing such concerns without waiting for the decisions of the Costituente on the living possibilities of private concerns, this against the opinion of the magistracy and of those who consider the present situation without letting themselves be influenced by demagogic considerations. Such steps as would entirely change the structure of Italian economy should at least be carefully discussed by the Costituente.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.R.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Wondering whether King Victor Emanuel has really gone to Algeria, V.R. regrets that he did not go there immediately after having signed the Armistice; then, says the paper, should Italians have wanted the King back, they would have sent for him, instead of signing the institutional truce.

2. Anzio and Nettuno landlords and "sinistrati" are still waiting for reconstruction to start, complains Nalp.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Commenting on the appeal of the Central Committee of the Socialist party, Avanti says that it signifies faith in the democratic forces in so far as they will resist the obstructionist strategy aiming at their division. The Central Committee, putting aside all reasons for discussion and disagreement, has brought to the foreground today's problem, that is the union of democratic forces for a victorious battle of the Costituente and of the republic.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.R.

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1. Wondering whether King Victor Emanuel has really gone to Algeria, V.R. regrets that he did not go there immediately after having signed the Armistice; then, says the paper, should Italians have wanted the King back, they would have sent for him, instead of signing the institutional truce.

2. Anzio and Nettuno landlords and "sinistrati" are still waiting for reconstruction to start, complains M.Alp.

MORNING PARTIES

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Commenting on the appeal of the Central Committee of the Socialist party, Avanti says that it signifies faith in the democratic forces in so far as they will resist the obstructionist strategy aiming at their division. The Central Committee, putting aside all reasons for discussion and disagreement, has brought to the foreground today's problem, that is the union of democratic forces for a victorious battle of the Constituente and of the republic.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. In order to guarantee a just equilibrium the State should be able to find, through taxes, all the money it must issue for ordinary expenses.

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2. In order to cover the present needs Italy should import about 80,000 tons of leather.

3. In Abruzzi there still are 30,000 people without houses, says Girolamo Pedoja, and nothing is being done to help them.

4. Plans for utilizing the water of the Po and of its tributaries are under study in Milan.

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MOMENTO

1. Momento takes Togliatti's part against the magistrates, and suspects that they made the most of the opportunity to carry out

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a political demonstration which probably wouldn't have taken place if a man belonging to another party had been in Togliatti's place.

DOPOLO (Christian Democrat) - N.L.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

ADEMPO (Independent)

1. Commenting on the question of the single-member constituency, Ugo Giuffrè says that freedom means the right for the nation to chose whatever order it prefers even should this frustrate the aims of some well organized parties that claim merits which don't belong to them. The parties who fear a direct consultation of the country show that they know they have not sufficient consents, but, by trying to avoid direct consultation, they also show their desire for dictatorship. (Ugo Giuffrè)

2. A certain amount of textiles to be distributed to certain categories of workers.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Article from Ferrandina, in Apulia, the whole region, says the writer, is in the hands of armed Fascists.

2. f.v. debates with the Christian Democrats on the question of setting immediately, as soon as the Costituente is formed, the institutional problem.

3. Does the STERAL think that Rome children don't like milk ? asks Unità.

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2. A strong anti-malaria campaign to be started shortly in Sardinia under the direction of well known Italian and American doctors. The Rockfeller Foundation and the UNRRA have allotted

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four million dollars towards this campaign, announced the High Commissioner for Sardinia during a press conference. (ANSA)

3. Incidents in Riccione caused by the arrival in that town of veterans returning from Russia, who wanted to cross out some Communist insciptions from the walls of the Casa del Popolo.

4. The Italian FIOT (Federazione Impiegati Operai Tessili) has been invited to participate in the Congress of Yugoslav textile workers.

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14. The Ministry of Post War Relief announces that 1552 military and civilian Italian prisoners back from Kenia landed yesterday in Taranto. On the other hand 200 Italian children left yesterday to go back to Tripolitania.

15. 500 Italian miners to leave shortly for Belgium to work there.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE (Independent Catholic)

1. "Le peuple n'a pas de pain? Qu'il mange des brioches". Evidently the Undersecretary for Food, Sansone, is a follower of Marie Antoinette's principles, for, to Neapolitans, who for some time now have been short of bread, pasta and fats, he has sent 40 quintals of candies.

2. La Capitale reports that in Bologna an Italian Col threw out of a coffee place a German officer who was sitting with two Allied officers.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. We must be careful not to make the same mistakes as were made after the last war. The country shouldn't be mutilated in a way that will create permanent difficulties with our neighbours. We may already state that when it is published the armistice can be summed up in the following phrase 'the Allies can do what they please with Italy'. Therefore, it is important for us to know what they intend to do with us. What we need isn't

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the cancelling of a couple of armistice clauses, but a complete revision of Italy's position. Her territorial, political and economic problems must now be faced, keeping in mind the future as well as the past. This certainly requires a great deal of courage on the part of the Allies, however, it is necessary for the salvation of Europe. (Mario Donosti)

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. The reconstruction of buildings in towns and villages has made the authorities forget that the problem of reconstructing country houses is equally important, says E.I.

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2. The Ministry of the Navy has ordered the Società di Navigazione Tirrenia to salvage sunken ships. The S.N.T. will start working as soon as possible.

3. Details on loans to State employees.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Giulio Andreotti protests against the attacks made by some opposition papers against the Govt apropos of Fiume and Zara.

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Considering the situation created by unfriendly troops, our Govt, could do little but protest in the name of justice, reminding the Allies of their solemn pledges. The inhabitants of Fiume and Zara shouldn't listen to a campaign of national disintegration.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - P.N.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The Cave Ardeatine should be properly taken car of. At present the whole place looks like a swamp.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità's leading article calls "menzogne" all the talk about Russia having asked Italy for war reparations, and adds that the Soviet Union is the only one of the United Nations which has not asked for a penny from Italy nor taken away a single pin from our country. This affirmation, says the writer, is not meant to be a declaration of anti-British or anti-American feeling, for we recognise all we owe to both Great Britain and the United States, but just to state the truth.

2. Unità publishes a letter written by an Italian who has visited Fiume and Yugoslavia; according to him (and the paper points out that he is not a Communist) there is no anti-Italian feeling among Yugoslavs, but only anti-Fascist feelings.

3. The change of currency - which has not taken place yet owing to technical difficulties, is very important because through it, the State can ascertain the amount of money existing in circulation, and make a census of what every single citizens posses, and thus enforce taxes accordingly. (C. Pastore)

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GENERAL

1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS met yesterday and came to an agreement on increase of salaries to State employees. It was decided to increase the basic salary by 120 per cent for the first 20,000 lire per year, gradually diminishing to 60 per cent for those salaries which are more than 60,000 per year. It was furthermore decided to allot a special high cost of living indemnity of 5000 lire per month, with increases for wife and children. This indemnity can vary from town to town and will change every three months according to change in the cost of living. All these increases must guarantee a minimum increase of 2000 lire per month to all employees. Pensions will be increases by 50 to 100 per cent. These increases represent a further expense of 30 billion lire for the State budget.

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11. In Alessandria the representatives of the Liberal party have abandoned the C.L.N.

12. The CIAI (Consiglio Industriale Alta Italia) met yesterday in Milan under the chairmanship of Gronchi to discuss Italy's needs in raw materials.

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13. It seems that Washington and London have agreed, on principle, to grant Italy a provisional peace after the Italian elections. (A.P.)

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Alfa discusses the obligation of voting and gives figures on past elections in Italy and abroad.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Parri says that the remains of the parties and the regime which led us to defeat must be buried for ever. As we are not bound by the institutional truce we may interpret this statement in the following way: the burying of the monarchic regime. This can only happen if the republican forces unite. (R. Pacciardi)

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3. Gerolamo Pedoja writes on the ruins of Ortona and Pescara.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The Executive committee of the Action party asks that, after epuration has been carried on, all concerns be handed back to ordinary administration and invites all parties to unite towards making of the Costituente an organism capable of giving the country those reforms, in all fields, which can ensure national unity.

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2. During the pre-Costituente period all Italians should realize, says C.I., the importance of coordinating all their efforts towards reconstruction, for the Costituente must be a result of this effort, and not a mythologic institution capable, by its mere presence, of solving all our problems. C.I. then goes on saying that the Action party, being a new and modern party, can perhaps undertake this task better than others.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. To reinforce its arguments Unità finds nothing better than abusing independent papers and parties which it charges with insulting U.S.S.R. and paying homage to the Western Allies. Why make a false statement when it is perfectly well known that the liberal and democratic press protest every time Italian interests are attacked ? We cannot collaborate with the Yugoslavs as long as thousands of Italians are detained in concentration camps in conditions that could be ascertained by every one by the latest photographic documentation.

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2. The situation in Venezia Giulia: for over six months, thousands of families have been without news of their relatives deported to Yugoslavia. Gorizia has been annexed to the Yugoslav Federation, and the Italians deported. Numberless Slavs with faked ration cards have been sent to Gorizia. In the Registry Office, the cards of numerous Italians were removed during the 45 days of Slav occupation.

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10. 171000 pairs of shoes [illegible] put on sale shortly; workers, employees, refugees and "ministrati" will be allowed to buy them.

11. Sforza was received yesterday by Parri.

12. An ex member of the G.N.R. (Guardia Nazionale Repubblichina) back from the Coltano camp was lynched by the crowd in Pisa.

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13. Pietro Parini sentenced to 8 years imprisonment for collaborationism.

14. Yesterday at the Consulta De Courten and Jacini gave an account of the activities of the Italian armed forces.

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27. Repatriation of Italians from France to start today at the rate of one thousand per day; they will be received in Ventimiglia by the P.C.A. (Pontificia Commissione Assistenza) (F.)

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. In the leading article Nenni explains why, for internal and international reasons, the Costituente has not yet been convoked, and says that now the time has come, for Italians, to express their will, through the vote.

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2. The Costituente, says I. Bonomi, is only a means through which Italy will be able to build her democratic State and supply it with organisations which will be very sensitive to the will of the people and through which she may reach those aims which she has in mind.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Globo fears that the strikes of American miners may mean a reduction in the quantity of coal allotted to Italy.

2. Discussions are in progress on the question of taxes on loading and unloading in Italian ports.

3. Attack against COGETA which enforces rules by which owners of motorboats for transport, lose money on every journey they make, and therefore prefer selling their boats. Details and figures are given. (S.U.)

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LIBERA STAMPA - N.N.

MOMENTO

1. Let us hope that black marketers won't raise their prices because of the increase of salary granted to officials, says M.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The Communists are perfectly entitled to complain against the violence committed against them, but they should remember all the acts of violences they committed against those who didn't belong to their party. The parties should carry out a policy of solidarity, not only in words but also in facts. (Manlio Brosio)

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TEMPO (Independent)

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5. On the 28th a Fascist flag was discovered floating on the top of La Torre delle Milizie. Some arrests were made yesterday.

6. The Pope received on Sunday about two thousand "sciuscià".

7. A.R.I. announces, that contrary to the denial issued by the Ministry of Post War Relief, veterans of the "Armir" have really been repatriating for some time past. (I.)

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17. Norway will shortly send 2,000 tons of dried cod-fish in exchange for Italian salt.

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18. An Italian merchant ship which had been interned in the harbour of Dublin at the beginning of the hostilities, has been derequisitioned, and will leave shortly for Italy loaded with two thousand tons of relief material. (U.P.)

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27. U.P. announces that the American Govt has decided to repatriate, by the end of the year, 45,000 Italian prisoners.

28. Shortage of food in the Fiume zone.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

1. Italian peasants who have laboured to fertilize the soil of Cirenaice should be allowed to return to their farms before all the work they have done becomes entirely annulled by their absence, says La Capitale.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. We agree with Silone's words in the Avanti: "Now that we have freed ourselves from Fascism, we must try to overcome anti-Fascism as well". Yes, says Panfilo Gentile, the only form of anti-Fascism which can exist must be based on liberal and democratic re-education of the country. The writer then goes on saying that the country is at present too much concerned with the material difficulties of life, to be interested in party disputes and disagreements.

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2. Reproduction of a long letter from Finocchiaro-Aprile in which the leader of the Sicilian Separatist movement protests against the Parri Govt and against the unity of Italy.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.N.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Commenting on the disorders of Apulia, Epoca writes that the reaction is evidently aiming at letting lose the "preventive counter-revolution". All this is very serious. What is the Govt thinking, asks Epoca ?

2. Abruzzi doesn't exist anylonger, writes E.M. Largadonna describing the sad conditions of one of the many villages of the Maiella. The little relief arriving there

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comes from over the Atlantic, he says, either through relatives who emigrated to America before the World War I, or through the Quaker Mission which visited the Abruzzi one year ago.

3. Apropos of the Fascist flag hoisted on the 28th Oct. L.R. writes that unfortunately Fascism is still the rule of this country while anti-Fascism, that is love of freedom and respect of human personality, is the exception. Of the two, anti-Fascism is more likely to be unpopular. That flag, goes on L.R., indicates that Italy has not learnt her lesson and that she is the enemy of freedom and will remain Fascist until the total ruin of the country.

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2. We fully understand that Lussu is too busy holding party meetings, purchasing cars at the expense of the state, and getting jobs for his clients, to have time to bother about repatriated soldiers. However why should he issue false communiqués and say that no Italians are being repatriated from Russia when groups of prisoners have been arriving for over a month ?

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. Italian democracy is really improving: we are already faced with the prospect of a coup d'etat from the rightist parties, and the leftist parties think of letting loose civil war. In both cases Italian democracy is the victim. The only thing for us to do is to consult the nation.

MOMENTO

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. The only way to have unity and fraternity between Italians and Slavs, in the Trieste zone, says L. Longo, is to have single unions and organisations for the workers of both nationalities.

2. Attack against General Bencivenga.

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GENERAL

1. On the first of November, the day of "Popular Solidarity", De Gasperi will make a speech at the Basilica of Massenzio.

2. In Portole, near Trieste, a plebiscite among the local population showed that 60 per cent of it is in favour of Italian schools while only 40 per cent is in favour of Yugoslav schools. (ORBIS)

3. On the fourth of Nov. the C.L.N. of Venezia Giulia will issue an appeal to the nation for subscription for providing relief to the people of Venezia Giulia. Croce, Bonomi, Sforza, Orlando, Di Rodinò, Omodeo and Gasparotto have given their support to the initiative.

4. The National Broadcasting Company expressed surprise at the news appearing yesterday that Toscanini would arrive in Italy in Nov.; the Maestro, says the N.B.C., will not be able to leave the United States till April, as he has signed a contract to direct the winter symphonic season in America.

5. Terrific storms in Milan and Genoa; five killed, numerous zones flooded, 50 trams hit by lightning, some buildings collapsed. (ANSA)

6. No political propaganda, for the elections for the Costituente, to be allowed in barracks, announces the Ministry of War.

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2. In Portole, near Trieste, a plebiscite among the local population showed that 60 per cent of it is in favour of Italian schools while only 40 per cent is in favour of Yugoslav schools. (ORBIS)

3. On the fourth of Nov. the C.L.N. of Venezia Giulia will issue an appeal to the nation for subscription for providing relief to the people of Venezia Giulia. Croce, Bonomi, Sforza, Orlando, Di Rodinò, Omodeo and Gasparotto have given their support to the initiative.

4. The National Broadcasting Company expressed surprise at the news appearing yesterday that Toscanini would arrive in Italy in Nov.; the Maestro, says the N.B.C., will not be able to leave the United States till April, as he has signed a contract to direct the winter symphonic season in America.

5. Terrific storms in Milan and Genoa; five killed, numerous zones flooded, 50 trams hit by lightning, some buildings collapsed. (ANSA)

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10. The directing board of the C.G.I.L. and the representatives of the National Federations to meet today.

11. REUTER announces that telephone communications between Italy and France have been re-established.

12. A new committee has been formed which aims at grouping together those various concerns which supply food to the inhabitants of Rome in order to keep down the market prices by buying in block great quantities of food. Sansone, undersecretary for Food, who was received yesterday by Parry, asked for one and

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a half billion lire for the financing of this committee.

13. Disorders continue in Apulia; they are called by the various papers, either "Fascist" demonstrations, or "Monarchist" or "Leftist".

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25. UNRRA has decided to allot 61,500,000 dollars of relief to Italy during 1946. Probably 30-40 million dollars worth of relief will be sent every month. (A.P.)

26. Ten Italian students to visit Russia during the next Winter. They will be guests of the Russian Government. (P.)

27. Part of the port of Livorno to return to Italian Administration.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.N.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Summary of Molè's statement on problems concerning the food situation.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Truman's speech sounds very hopeful, but we are struggling in the middle of hopeless difficulties for the victorious nations don't find a reasonable compromise for Italy's

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peace. Those who enforced on us the infamous armistice clauses say they are unable to feed our children, help our refugees and provide to our requirements. The victors now must assume the responsibility of their victory. It is time for action. The men who have assumed the responsibility of power must now defend Italy's right to life or resign.

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Marcella Merlo points out the difference between the French Catholic party and the Italian Christian Democrats.

2. Article on Sicily and its need of electric power. (Francesco Jovine)

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Italian merchant fleet is now reduced to 500,000 tons. Globo gives figures.

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/of food

2. Italy should import about 35 millions quintals/in order to guarantee 1000 calories per person.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Luigi Salvatorelli complains that the public has not been interested enough in the discussions which have been taking place at the various meetings of the committees of the Consulta.

2. Something must be done in order to save Italian libraries from complete destruction.

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MOMENTO

1. Though their salaries have been raised, the employees are no better off, for prices have gone up again. Leo Levi suggests employing less people and paying them better.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Day of popular Solidarity will express the intentions

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and trust of Christian Democracy. For the first time since the liberation of Italy, a party is appealing to the people not for political ends but in consideration of a nobler requirement.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

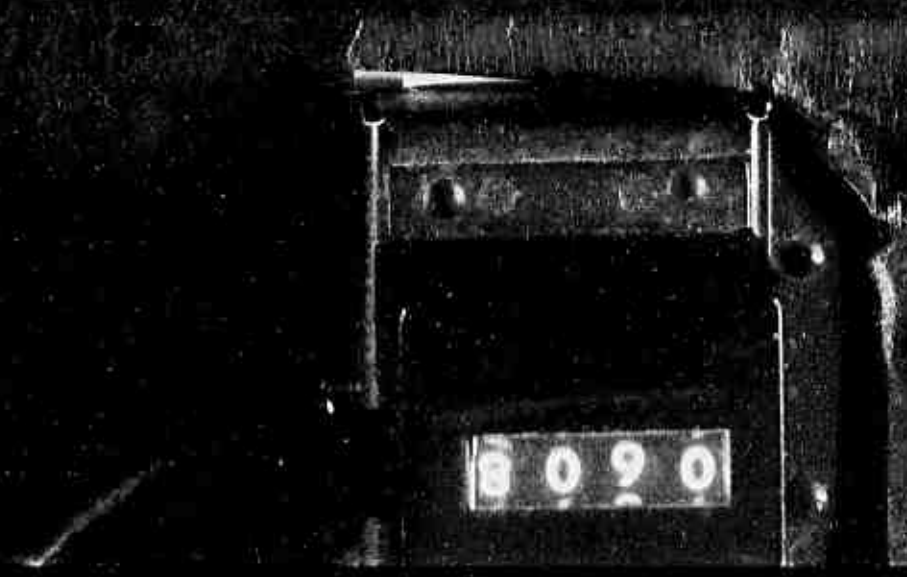
1. Alberto Albertini points out that in many cases, officials do their job rather carelessly. Besides, this often comes from a lack of ability; not everyone is born to be a minister. With his prestige, Parri might have enforced a different system: besides the representatives of the six parties, he might have added a certain number of men of action, not concerned with politics, and attached to the technical Departments; such men should have been ministers and shared the ministerial responsibility. This would have given us a more efficient Govt and the parties would no longer have been all-powerful.

2. Why do the Communists insist in attributing false statements to the Trieste consultors ? It isn't true that many Italians as well as the Slavs of Venezia Giulia said they were for annexation to Yugoslavia. The statement that the new Yugoslav regime is, socially and politically, much more democratic than ours, seems to be Mr. Longo's purely private opinion. What does Longo mean when he says that Trieste should be the meeting point between Italy and Yugoslavia? For us there is one solutiononly: union with Italy and the respect of the rights of the Slav minority. (F.A.)

TEMPO (Independent)

1. T. asks for the punishment of the agitators in Apulia. After the last war, the State proved unable to cope with the situation and enabled Fascism to come to power. The Govt must enforce of the law.

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