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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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9. De Gasperi received a delegation of the Stato employees; State employees are very disappointed with the Xmas bonus granted them and are threatening to go on strike.
10. De Gaulle sent De Gasperi a telegram expressing hope that Italians and French may in the very near future go back to the old traditional friendship.
11. On the occasion of the hand-over of the provinces of the North to Italian jurisdiction Dogliatti sent a message to all the personnel of magistracy urging them to protect very carefully the democratic freedom they have won.
12. Exchange of telegrams between De Gasperi and Bolite and the CLMI and other <sup>parties</sup> of the provinces of the North, on the occasion of the hand-over.

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13. During his press conference in Washington Byrnes stated that the Italian armistice has not been modified because peace treaty with Italy will be drawn very shortly.

AMTRKON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.M.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA

1. Rumours of arbitrary behaviour of a recently appointed Italian ambassador in "an important capital". It is said that he is trying to dismiss the majority of his staff - apparently for political reasons.

INDIPENDENTE

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MONDO (Independent Action)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.M.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. The conditions of the Italian colony in Egypt are bad, chiefly from the economic point of view, because of unemployment and xenophobia. Negotiations with the Egyptian Govt for the

resumption of diplomatic relations have been suspended because of the regulations issued by the Egyptian Govt regarding enemy property.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republicans)

1. E.D. blames Poglietti for mentioning Giolitti in his speech. For Italy, we want a political, economic and social system that will make the whole country participate in the life of the State.
2. In Naples Pacciardi reported on the international situation and protested against the Moscow conclusions. Pacciardi then reviewed the internal situation, emphasizing the deficit of the State budget and the precarious situation of our industry. No problem can be solved. All parties suffer from a crisis, and such a confusion can only be cleared up by the summoning of the Costituenti. When we have a Republic, we must eliminate the many sects and so-called parties. It will be quite enough to have a Republican, a communist and a socialist party.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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BUNSTMSO (Daily Mail)

1. Article on the right that Italians have of conveying the Constituent's as and when and how they want.

MEPC. (Independent Artist) - R.I.

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##### EPOCA (Independent Leftist) - R.I.

##### GIORNALI DEL MATINO (Government)

1. Igino Giardina writes on some of the new Cardinals.

##### GLOBO (Technic)

1. R. Giardina writes on what has been and on what has not been done in the economic field in the year 1945.

2. On rebirth of chemistry in Italy.

3. On cotton mills in Naples.

4. Sad agriculture situation in the country.

5. Cattani's plans for public works in 1946.

##### ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - I.I.



ITALIA. NUOVA (Democrat)

1. This new year has inherited from the past year a great burden of confusion and speculations, says Tazio Silvaggi.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. Togliatti's speech has proved that he is a great creator, writes Trusno.

MOMENTO

1. Tomaso Smith writes that the past year has been rich in many important events and that much has been done towards the rebirth of the nation.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Franco de Sanctis' article can be summed up in its head line: "1945, decisions; 1946, rebirth".

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The hand-over of the provinces of the North is a good omen for Italian rebirth, says R.L.

TEMPO (Independent) - N.S.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Account of the Communist congress.

FRANCESCO DE LUCA COMMISSION

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS BRANCH

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January 3, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS which met yesterday approved the creation of a special railway police (subject to approval of the Consulta), a further allotment to Rome hospitals and other minor matters of ordinary administration. The Council then definitively approved a decree on the law for administrative elections, whose main points may be summed up as follows: a) coexistence of the proportional and of the one member constituency systems; b) the population limit for the passage from one system to another has been fixed at 30,000 inhabitants; c) a previous presentation of candidates is compulsory also for the one member system. The question of the compulsory vote has been postponed till the special Committee of the Consulta has further examined the question. Nenni's order of the day - which he presented at the last meeting of the Council, was approved in part; his suggestion that the administrative elections be interrupted for a certain period, in order to allow preparation of the political ones, was not approved by certain parties, so it was decided to hold the administrative elections during the month of March. Nenni then made the following suggestions: that where the lists are ready by the 15th of January, the elections be held on the 3rd of March; that in other communes the elections be held during the successive Sundays, until the 24th of March; at this date the administrative elections should be interrupted until after the Costituente. After a brief opposition from Cattani De Caspari seems to have stated that Nenni's suggestions were acceptable on a general basis.
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3. The Mayors of the main Italian towns to meet in Rome shortly.
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6. The delegates to the Communist Congress visited Gramsci's tomb.
7. Further disclosures in the San Vittore prison in Milan.
8. The New York paper "Il Progresso" has started a campaign in favour of increased American relief to Italy. Cardinal Spellman and Mayor O'Dwyer have

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9. The well known writer and theatre critic Ugo Ojetti died yesterday in Florence.

10. Rodolfo Meranda was officially appointed yesterday General Secretary of the Italian Socialist Party.

11. A.M.G. issued a statement announcing that, at 0 hours of the first of January, the whole of Northern Italy, with the exception of Venezia Giulia, would return to Italian jurisdiction. Starting from this date, says the statement, the Italian Govt will administer the above mentioned territory, with the exception of powers of rights of immunity which remain to the United Nations. (ANSA) 4070

12. Disorders in Florence; 15,000 unemployed break into restaurants and shops; railway service interrupted.

13. Maj. Prindolo, former Allied Commissioner of Verona province,

was awarded the honorary citizenship of Verona. (ANSA)  
14. A ceremony took place in the Banca Profettura in the morning of the first of January during which the hand-over of Genoa province to Italian administration was celebrated. (ANSA)

15. Interviewed by IBC, Bonomi said that the United Nations must keep in mind that in 1945, in the Quebec document, they promised Italy that her share of the world would depend on her behaviour during the remainder of the war.

#### ARTICOLONI PAPERI

#### CAPITALE

1. According to Capitale it might be quite possible that the political elections be postponed till next summer or even till next autumn. The paper foresees the possibility that the Communist attitude against the obligatoriness of vote may bring about a new Govt crisis or even a complete dissolution of the C.I.I.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA - Not available.

INDIPENDENTE - N.N.

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OGGI (Vatican) - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - Not available.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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SECCLO XX (Independent Rightist) - N.N.

TRIBUNA (LTL) (Socialist)

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist) - N.N.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Neo-Fascism, says "l'Espresso" commenting on the political situation in Milan, is not, in that town, a political problem, but a police one.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Rinaldo Ossola comments ironically on the visits paid on the occasion of the new year by many famous political personalities to the Luogotenente. Monarchic Italy is resurrecting, he says, and leaves on the ruins and the cemeteries of the destroyed and martyred nation.

2. Tirrosia too deplores the fact that so many arms were fired on New Year's night.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Commenting on yesterday's Council of Ministers Avanti points out the importance of the administrative elections which, says the Socialist paper, as they will be held such a short time before the political ones, will represent a kind of rehearsal for the latter. The administrative committees, even should they be maintained within local interests, will show the strength of the various parties and which coalitions may be formed and which may be broken up. The various parties, goes on Avanti, have not yet defined the electoral line they intend to follow; these lines, when they are defined, will undoubtedly show the general aim of each party. The paper ends by saying that there is much, perhaps too much to be done and too many problems to be solved all at once, but that it is the people's duty to do as much as possible in order to save the Nation from the ruin to which it has been docketed by Fascism and by democracy.

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VECCA (Independent Leftist)

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GIORNALY DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Article from Courmayeur on the departure of British soldiers from the zone. They have learned lots of Italian songs, says Sandro Dini; let's hope that the importation of these songs into Great Britain will help to form a new future friendship between the two countries.

GLIBO (Economic)

1. Long article on the situation of the Italian State budget. Deficit increases by about one billion lire per day.

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2. Figures on rebirth of Italian industry during 1945.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Interview with Vincenzo Turpura on Sicilian autonomy.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Article in favor of compulsory vote. (Arturo Pittomi)
2. I.N. gives caustic summary of Council meeting, stressing inability of parties to agree on regulations and time of elections.
3. Reports from Corizia of clashes between Allied soldiers and Tito's bands. It is stated that the Allies have occupied a few towns in Zone B.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. Commenting on the Moscow conference, L. Zingarelli says that an attempt was made at convincing us by announcing that the Italian problems would be coped with in March, at the Washington Conference, though there may not be time enough to prepare such an intricate subject. If we are cheated again in Washington we shall be told to wait for the peace treaty; as the peace treaty is to be concluded only with a Govt appointed by the Costituente, we may go on living in an anarchistic regime for years, if for some reason the Costituente hasn't been summoned by April.

2. The Alfa Romeo concern offered a sumptuous car to the Minister of Justice. As the concern has been the property of the State for the last five years, instead of saying that the personnel gave a car to the Minister, it might be more correct to say that the taxpayers did so; we do want to figure among the givers, says I.S.

MONTECROCE - N.Y.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Giulio Mauricetti's article on the bureaucratic crisis; it is to be hoped that the Govt won't reduce the number of temporarily employed officials; these people have a family to maintain. The Govt should take action to organize distributions of foodstuffs and clothing among the officials and pensioned-off employees.



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MONTENO - N.N.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Account of the fourth day of the Communist Congress: discussion on the agrarian reform and production problems.

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1. I.N.S. reports from Paris that France has officially consented to participate in the International Conference which is to study the Italian peace treaty.
2. Nenni and Silone have accepted the invitation of the British Labour party to go to London very shortly. (A.P.)
3. Yesterday at the Communist Congress Valio Spano read a motion of the Rome section of the Communist Federation against the Polish troops in Italy and particularly against the men of General Anders whom it accuses of sending arms to the Polish reactionaries. The motion ends by inviting the Italian Govt to send out of Italy those Polish soldiers who are still here.
4. Togliatti explained yesterday morning, at the Communist Congress, why the Communists are contrary to compulsory voting; the reasons are based particularly on motives of principle and of morale.
5. Longo, speaking at the Congress of the Communist party, urged a Social-Communist coalition.
6. "Ecomond" agency reports that Italian schools in Tripoli have started working again.
7. A new airplane, "Topolino", is being built in Italy. (CRBIS)
8. Two ships loaded with Italian prisoners repatriated from India to arrive within the next few days.
9. The Central Committee of the Socialist party to meet on the seventh of January.
10. Owing to delay in the arrival of wheat from abroad the Campania "pastifici" have to interrupt immediately all production.
11. Numerous bandits arrested in Palermo province. (ANSA)
12. It is rumored in the Ministry of Finance that an increase of the Xmas bonus to State employees would result in a possible discharge of a corresponding number of "avventizi".
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14. Facilities to be granted to Italian students going to France with scholarships.

15. Unemployed are demonstrating in numerous Italian towns.

16. De Gasperi spoke yesterday on Christianity and the problems of peace; addressing the Allies he asked them to grant Italy a just and dignified peace.

17. It is rumored that State employees may go on strike on Tuesday.

18. Numerous bandits arrested in Avellino province. (ANSA)

19. It seems that 700 tons of olive oil should shortly arrive to Italy from Spain.

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AFTERNOON PAPERSCAPITALE

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2. If the news given to the papers is correct, the amnesty which is being drafted by the Ministry of Justice is perfectly absurd because of the distinction made between the soldiers who deserted before and after Sept. 8th 1943. The latter are to be sentenced to five years without being given the possibility of speaking for themselves. The sentence is not to be enforced but

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this will prevent them from getting a job in public administrations and deprive them of their right to vote. We cannot believe that the Allies asked for such a distinction to be made. Amnesty must be the same for all. (Achille Battaglia)

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. H. Molinari explores the fact that very little has been done in the field of epuration and nothing at all in the field of confiscation of Fascist profits.

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2. The fusion between the Socialist and the Communists parties, whose importance Longo pointed out yesterday at the Communist Congress, is felt by the Socialists, says Avanti, more as a subject for long and humanitarian debates than as an inexorable development of the class struggle. However the discussions which will still take place at the Communist Congress during the next day will provide ample material for making comparisons between the Socialist and the Communist points of view. And in making these comparisons the Socialists will, as always, be inspired by the interests of the workers and of the country.

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2. Allied medicines will be distributed only to Italian hospitals and will not be put on sale, stated Borgani, High Commissioner for Public Health.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - N.N.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Enzo Salvaggi sees the Moscow meeting as a second Munich with Italy playing the role of Czechoslovakia.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. Commenting on the laws on Fascist profits, L.S. wonders

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whether it is fair to consider all those who made money as profiteers. All tradespeople, manufacturers, etc. who carried on their activity during Fascism cannot be treated as the accomplices of a gang of bandits. The fact that the district Tax Offices can pronounce arbitrary sentences is very serious. There will be serious repercussions on the economic and social life of the country if such temporary condemnations are carried out on a grand scale.

2. Article on the tragic situation of Italians in Zara.

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1. Marrucino approves of De Gasperi's speech at the "Angelicum" and says that the Prime Minister was right in defining Fascism as "a quarter of an hour of folly", and that as such it really should be considered for Italy cannot afford to lose further precious time on it.

2. The deficit of the Rome Communal budget increases by 6 million lire per day, writes Delf giving figures.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. While in Rome an equivocal agreement between monarchy and anti-Fascism is still in force, the real live popular forces of the country know already what they want; they want a Republic, says Rencolfo Pacciardi.
2. Randolfo Pacciardi denies violently ever having been at the Quirinale, as Cantachiaro would like the people to believe.

MORNING PAPERSAVANTI (Socialist)

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GLCBO (Economic)

1. E. Coppola d'Arna writes on Italian industry. The word "autarcia", he says, must disappear from the industrial dictionary and be replaced by the expression "national industries".

2. Long article on the present state of the Italian merchant fleet.

3. Globo reports that it has been decided to carry electric energy from the mainland to Sicily.

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4. Renzo Giuliani writes on the material help which Italian agriculture might receive from the United States, giving particulars of what we mostly need in order to attain a resurrection in the agricultural field.

5. On Italian films and on the possibility of production.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. We are against compulsory voting for logical and ideological reasons as well as for practical reasons, writes Pietro Depase.

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GENERAL

1. The Consulta "Finance and Treasury Committees", have started working again and are examining the laws on confiscation of Fascist profits.

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2. Romita received yesterday a commission of unemployed.
  3. Veterans and unemployed demonstrate in Milan.
  4. State employees insist in asking for the "thirteenth month".
  5. An Interministerial Committee met yesterday to study the problem of the change of the currency.
  6. Italian mayors met yesterday in Campidoglio; they asked that "greater possibilities of local government be granted, as well as the necessary fund". (ANSA)
  7. ORBIS reports that 7000 Slavs have moved into Trieste during the month of December.
  8. There are still 450,000 Italian prisoners awaiting to be repatriated. 950,000 have already returned.

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12. Direct railway service between Rome and Paris to start on the 8th.

13. Italo-American societies have expressed their disapproval for the new tax which the Italian Govt. has decided to apply to parcels arriving from America. (I.N.S.)

14. A bomb was discovered in the Rome premises of the Italian Democratic Party.

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15. It is reported that the head of the Allied Sub-Commission for war prisoners has asked to be sent to Yugoslavia and then to Russia in order to discuss personally with the competent authorities of those countries the repatriation of Italian war prisoners.

16. It seems that, after animated discussions, State employees have consented to diminish their claims, in the matter of the Zmas bonus.

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MONDO (Independent)

1. Commenting on the Florence incidents Alberto Cianca admits that they have been caused by the state of misery in which the unemployed find themselves, but adds that the disorders were certainly caused also by political forces interested in minimising all efforts of democratic rebirth. It is therefore necessary, he says, to prevent by all possible means the misery and suffering which Italians owe to Fascism, to war and to defeat, from becoming powerful instruments in the hands of the reactionaries. This is not easy, evidently, but all the members of the Govt., and their respective parties, should carry out a campaign in order to show that those responsible for Italy's ruin have no right to criticise what is being done.

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1. Commenting on the Florence incidents Alberto Cianca admits that they have been caused by the state of misery in which the unemployed find themselves, but adds that the disorders were certainly caused also by political forces interested in minimising all efforts of democratic rebirth. It is therefore necessary, he says, to prevent by all possible means the misery and suffering which Italians owe to Fascism, to war and to defeat, from becoming powerful instruments in the hands of the reactionaries. This is not easy, evidently, but all the members of the Govt., and their respective parties, should carry out a campaign in order to show that those responsible for Italy's ruin have no right to criticise what is being done.

2. Though everybody complains about the shortage of newsprint, of all sorts of paper, new weeklies and dailies go on appearing like mushrooms; the only thing for which nobody seems to be able to find sufficient paper, is the famous list of the members of the OVRA. It is high time, says Mancino, that this list were published.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Italian Democrat)

1. Judging by all the debates that go on on the subject of electoral systems and of compulsory voting, it seems we were right, says Giuseppe Sotgiu, in suggesting that the law of 1915 be enforced.

SECCIO XX (Independent Marxist) N.M.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. The paper gives great importance to the question of the change of currency and seems to believe that it will possibly take place in February. Gaetano Stannati points out the importance of this measure.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) N.M.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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GLOBO (Economic)

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Vincenzo Lucchi examines the financial situation of the country in connection with the change of currency which, it seems, will take place in a month or two.

LIBERA STAMPA

1. The C.I.Ns. and the Commissions for separation are typical Fascist manifestations. Though De Gasperi stated that the C.I.Ns. were to have nothing but a function of mediation, they still try to replace the govt. anti-liberalism of hamper their legitimate action.



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The C.I.Ns. proved most useful in the struggle for liberation, but we must remember that they have no popular investiture. The clash between the nation and the Government hasn't yet been bridged.

MCMENTO

1. M. comments on the Communist congress.

POPCIO (Charlton Democrat) N.N.

RISORCUMENTO JUNE 24 (Liberal)

1. The Govt. must realize that a concrete plan to fight banditism is as necessary as a financial plan. The forces of which the state can dispose must be increased and better employed.

MEMPC (Independent) N.N.

UNICA (Communist)

1. Negarville's speech on the fusion of Communists and Socialists.

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January 8, 1946.

Daily Herald of Rome Press.

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7. an incendiary bomb discovered in the premises of one of the Socialist circles of Rome.
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10. 16,134 gift parcels have been shipped in America and are expected to arrive in Naples in about a fortnight.

11. Prof. Genapovic and Dr. Vicentini, back from their tour in the United States, stated yesterday during a press conference that American Relief for Italy will be greatly increased during the coming months and that 5 million Italians will thus get assistance through CRSI.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALI - N.M.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA

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ASSEMBLEA ROMANA (Vatican)

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1. France is the only nation that supported us after the Moscow Conference which showed how much our co-belligerency has been forgotten. Good understanding among Latin countries might have a great influence and facilitate the peaceful solving of many problems. (U. Alicoli)

STYGLIO III (Independent Rightist)

1. It is difficult to consider Fogliatti's opposition to compulsory voting as a matter of democratic sincerity. The revolutionary minority shows it fears to be swept away should the whole nation participate in the elections. What will be

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the attitude of moderate parties before Regliatti's threat of a Govt crisis should the law on compulsory voting be passed? The situation is very serious. Does the Communist threat imply civil war or simply legal and democratic opposition? We are entitled to think that this is an act of blackmailing, and consider that resistance is nevertheless necessary. (Manlio Lupinacci)

2. Report on the situation in Sicily. The various parties cannot agree about the limits of the autonomy to be granted to the Region.

3. Organization of the C.Z.N.A. in Italy. It seems that the Roman centre has divided the city in ten cells. The activity of the Allied Commission is of particular interest for the C.Z.N.A.

TRIBUNA DEL MORGIO - M.A.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) - N.S.

MORNING PAPERS

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BUNSENZO (Name unknown)

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2. Translation from the Spanish of an article on Fascist appearing in the Mexican magazine "America".

GIORNALI DEL M.A.I. (day comment)

1. article on the title of Redi where, says Mario Gelli Senti, Italian agricultural centres are the only live concerns.
2. Gabriella Parca writes on Cassino, "Kingdom of Fever".

GIORNO (Economic)

1. Giorco examines and studies at length the new law on confiscation of Fascist profits.

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- 2. On plans for new railways in Sardinia.
- 3. More land will be given to cultivation of wheat this year.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - N.Y.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat) - N.Y.

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TUMBO (Independent)

1. G. Mougnio's article on Cassino; the Government has done little or nothing for the town, and rebuilt practically no houses. Even in winter, people are dying of malaria. Of half a million mines, only 100,000 have been cleared.

UNITA' (Communist) - Did not appear.

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12. The president of the Italian Red Cross stated to ANSA that the allied authorities have not allowed the I.R.C. to give assistance to Italian prisoners in Germany.
13. Two killed and numerous injured during a revolt in the Genoa prison of Marassi.
14. State employees have presented De Gasperi a memo stating their claims; the question will be studied during today's Council of Ministers.

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15. The Ferrara prison assaulted by forty armed bandits.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

1. G. Fedoa writes on the necessity of re-establishing commerce between Italy and foreign countries.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE

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SECCLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. The anti-Communist forces must organize themselves and show that some positions will be defended to the last. In this way, they will get the support of a large part of the country and be taken in consideration. It is essential that we should know how we stand: Communists must be Communists and conservatives must be conservatives. (Tanfilo Gentile)

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TRIBUNA DEL MORNIO

1. The change of the currency has a certain importance as by it, the State will be able to have an idea of how much money there is in circulation, says Gaetano Staunetti.

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##### EVGONS-RNSC (Uomo Qualunque)

1. The question is not so much whether the vote should be compulsory (Italians are accustomed to being forced to pay taxes, to join the army, to do this, not to do that, that to be forced to vote would hardly make any difference to them) but whether De Gasperi will give way to the "Communist-Fascist" extortion.

##### GIORNALI DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Voting cannot possibly be made compulsory in a country where - as in Italy today - the people must gradually get accustomed and taught to have a political mentality, says Locatelli.

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2. Detailed account of the "battle" between bandits and carabinieri in Sicily.

SLCBO (Technic)

1. R. Spaventa writes on advantages and disadvantages of the change of currency.
2. Sclato examines the Liberals' point of view on the matter of workers commissions in industrial concerns.
3. Industries of the North cannot possibly go on paying all their workers, many of whom will therefore be discharged very shortly.

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2. Travelling has become almost impossible in Puglia, because of the bandits that stop cars on the roads.

#### ROMA - N.M.

#### FORO (Christian Democrat)

1. The report made by Nenni to the Central Committee of the Socialist Party will certainly not promote collaboration between the Socialists and Christian Democracy. The logical conclusion

to such words would be to leave alone Christian Democracy in the hands of the Church that paralyzes its action. Nenni instead wants to collaborate with such disreputable people just because they represent a mass party, and are therefore worth being taken in consideration and prevented from sliding towards the right.  
(Guido Gonella)

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January 10, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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6. Milan police have decided to assign a special department to the struggle against neo-fascism. (ANSA)

7. Following the news that only British troops would remain in Italy, LINGS reports from Caserta that British units amount to about 200,000 men, while Americans are gradually leaving the country.

8. The "battles" between bandits and police is still going on in Sicily. A bomb was thrown at a train.

9. The new Central Committee of the Communist party elected yesterday the new Directing Board; Togliatti was appointed General Secretary and Longo vice-general secretary.

10. Thirty million lire stolen from a bank in Turin.

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11. The Council of the Cabinet met yesterday morning to discuss the question of the change of currency; as no agreement could be reached nothing was decided.
  12. The strike of employees of tax offices has spread to the whole country.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAFFARELLI - N.M.

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STACCIO XV (Independent Rightist)

1. Having explained the political situation in Yugoslavia and the existence of many clandestine parties, Secolo XV says that it is hardly a matter for surprise if, under the circumstances, Tito's press carries on an anti-Italian campaign in Venezia Giulia.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Tommaso Martella writes on Sibilla Aleramo, the well known writer and poetess, who has just joined the Communist party.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Paolardi notes the numerous signs of unrest that have appeared over the last few days and finds in them an indication of the people's discontent with the way things are going. No Govt could have been entirely successful under the circumstances of the past two years, says P., but a provisional government of a more determined and united character might have done much better than the one we have. However another crisis would be fruitless; the great necessity now is to move on to the Costituente as soon as possible.

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GLCBO (Technic)

1. Several billion lire worth of war booty lies unused in depots and parks, and none of the 6000 trucks that Italy has received from the Allies have as yet been used, complains Globo.
2. Globo reports that no material has been exported from the Trieste dock-yards.
3. Commenting on the news that trains have stopped running in Sicily owing to lack of coal, Globo says that the reasons why the quantity of coal we get from the Allies has had to be diminished are quite understandable, but that the reason for the lack of regularity in the arrival of what coal we get, is not understandable.

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DISCORSAMENTO LIBERALE (Liberale)

1. Togliatti knows that his party, like other parties, aims at reaching power, and has no interest in wasting time in useless discussions. What programs attracts the largest number of it, according to Togliatti, they want the Costituente, a Republic, a liberal democratic Govt, true liberty, the respect of property, internal peace, unity from the Alps to Sicily, a good economic position and freedom of trade. They are not interested in the dictatorship of Proletariat, marxism, collectivism, planned economy, etc. Togliatti claims that democratic forces must unite against fascism; however as Fascism has been overthrown, we must assume that the word fascists imply all the people that are to be fought. Understood in such a way, the unity of democratic weapons becomes a manoeuvring weapon. The only thing Togliatti really insisted upon was compulsory voting, obviously the one great obstacle, to be removed at all cost, even if this meant breaking the unity of democratic forces. (L. Bertini)

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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January 11, 1946.

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5. Numerous arrests in Milan for illicit traffic in foreign currency.
6. The C.G.I.L. numbers now five million and 700 thousand members.
7. Unemployed workers occupy an industrial plant in Lucca province. (ANSA)
8. A French economic mission has arrived in Italy. (ANSA)
9. Defeated on the hill of Montecoro the Sicilian bandits carry out other attacks against the local carabinieri.
10. Ruini officially took over his new job of president of the Council of State.

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11. Bonomi has been elected president of the group of Labour-Democrat consultants.

12. According to the Mass meetings received from the anti-Fascist Italo-Slav League, Tito stated that "every possible effort would be made in order that the year 1946 might see your annexation to Yugoslavia". (G.A.S.)

13. Yesterday's Session of the CONSULTA, which should have dealt with matters of ordinary administration, turned out instead in a real "battal" on the right, for the Consulta, of auto-convocation. The action party Consultori, who sponsored this opinion, had counted on the support of the Socialists and Communists, which in fact, they did not get. Onedo's suggestion was that the Consulta should meet whenever one fifth of its members thought it should meet; Ciarra and Sivaco supported this suggestion and asked that the question be voted by roll call. The president pointed out that such a thing could be done only if a written request bearing the signatures were presented. The action party Consultori soon gathered fifteen signatures and the request was presented to the president. While waiting for the roll call to take place, De Gasperi and other members of the Govt arrived, and Bettino, Socialist, pointed out that as the Consulta will soon be replaced by another more important assembly, namely the Costituente, he did not believe the Consulta should become so important as to be allowed to auto-convocate itself, and that the Socialists would therefore vote against Onedo's suggestion. When the voting finally occurred, only 34 were in favour of the suggestion, while 124 were against it. De Gasperi spoke and suggested that the Consulta should meet every month, unless unforeseen reasons prevent these meetings, but that in this case the Govt should explain the reason of this impossibility.

14. It is stated that the manner according to which the new French Ambassador, M. de Lamoignon, would have been accredited only to the Allied Commission, and not to the Govt and as delegates to the Advisory Council.

15. The importance of the formal agreement between Italy and Spain is pointed out.

16. Discrepancies were noted in the numerous people were injured during the bombing of the city of Genoa.

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16. Disorders took place in Bayles and numerous people were injured during a manifestation of veterans.

17. It was learned in Washington that the privileged position of the Italian workers has not changed with the Moscow Conference; an official representative of the State Department said yesterday that it was already told Italy that the Moscow decision is not contrary to the Potsdam agreement which it was agreed that Italy's peace treaty should conform with other (I.V.S.)

18. 250 workers of the Ispolna Preschind had to be suspended from work; they will be paid 50 per cent of their salary.

19. The National Council of the Christian Democrat party, having examined the present situation and the political forces of the moment, expressed the conviction that the party, to re-affirm its role in the coming elections, should emphasize its character by presenting its own program. The party, might be included citizens willing to collaborate with the Administration in the Administration of the Govt.

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CRISTEVATORE ROMANO (Catholic) - N.N.

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SECCO XX (Independent Democrat)

1. Commenting on the fact that the Italian Red Cross was not allowed to offer relief to Italian prisoners in Germany, Manlio Lupinacci expressed the hope that this was not only to bureaucratic circumstances and not by a desire to humiliate Italy; for in this case, he says, not so much Italy as humanity in general, was insulted and humiliated.

TRIBUNA DEMOCRATICA

1. The men in the Govt, whether they belong to a political party or not, have the duty to express their own opinion, as was the custom when responsibility was not shirked by those in power who knew how to face the situation, even unpopularity when they

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thought it necessary, writes T.A.S. commenting on the co-responsibilities of our political men of today for the sad and never improving situation of the country.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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##### EPCCA (Independent Leftist) - N.I.

##### GICORNALIS DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. A. Lorusso Caputi points out the importance of freeing the magistracy from economic need, otherwise, he says, we cannot expect magistracy to be impartial as it should be.

##### GIGBO (Economic)

1. Writing on the new Ministry for Foreign Commerce, Siverio Ilardi expresses the hope that it will be a rapid and not overburdened organism.

2. On the agricultural and cattle situation in Sardinia, which continues to be very serious. (V.I.)
3. Article on the first meeting of national commerce which took place in Florence.
4. Globe publishes a letter by Lassa on the question of coal supply to the Fiat plants.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat) - N.I.

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January 12, 1945.

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GENERAL

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5. Another Carabinieri barracks assaulted by armed bandits near Gallianisetta.
6. Nenni to proceed to London next week, announces A.P. from London.
7. Ten million lire damages and 12 people injured is the result of the disorders in Naples.
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  10. The prefect of Milan has allotted a loan of 30 million lire to the Isotta Fraschetti in order to put this industrial plant of the North in a condition to go on working.
  11. The Ministry of the Interior has decided, together with the Allied Commission, that all identity cards which had been given by the Allied authorities in the territories which have now been returned to Italian administration, must be immediately handed over

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to the nearest police officers.

12. A goods train assaulted by bandits near Presinone; 16  
carriage of wheat were stolen.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.M.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA - N.M.

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SECONDO NY (Independent Rightist) - N.A.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO (N.W)

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Newspaper)

1. Enrico Berlinguer complains that Govt has done little

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or nothing to prepare our press. No propaganda has been made to spread Italian culture abroad or to draw the attention of foreign nations on the work of our partisans. When we have a Republic, responsible ministers will be made to pay for their inepticity, and those who are in the Govt today will have to account to the nation for what they did, or rather for what they didn't do.

2. V.R. blames the riots on the Govt of the locomotivists that hasn't done what was necessary to prevent them.

3. The laws on fascist profits have been repealed in such a way by the four different Governments that they are now a simple bureaucratic formality. Unlawful profits are being legitimized. (Consultor)

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GLOBO (Economic)

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2. M.I. announces from Paris that a French mission will shortly come to Italy in order to study the possibility of importing Italian manpower into France.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - D.N.ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Nenni admitted a month ago that emigration had been a failure, in spite of this statement he goes on "supplanting" small private employers; this is disgusting, says I.M.

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INNEO (Independent)

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2. It seems that the Allies handed over directly to the Luogotenente all petitions for mercy still in suspense. Up to now, the Guardasigilli brought to the attention of the Luogotenente such cases as he thought should be granted mercy, and directly rejected the others. As the granting of mercy was a privilege of the Crown, it seems that the gesture of the Allies implies a normalization of the powers of the State.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. U. protests against the papers that depict Italy's future and say that Moscow cancelled the benefits of Postdam. Italy was not on agenda of the Moscow Conference, and the communiqué doesn't justify such pessimism. People are speculating on the fact that the conference took place in Moscow.



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January, ambassador Kirk was authorized by his Govt. to inform the Italian Govt. that the Moscow agreement does not change Italy's situation as it was following the Potsdam Conference, and that Italy would not be placed in a position of having to accept a fait-accompli. De Gasperi then read a telegram he had just received from Truman, in which the President of the United States expresses his hopes that Italy may be granted a peace which will satisfy "our common needs and desires". The telegram furthermore says that De Gasperi can count on the good will and on the friendly collaboration of the United States, "just as I know that I can count on yours". De Gasperi then said that the British Govt. too expressed the hope the Italy's points of view may be heard before a definite peace treaty is drafted and that it is not true that Italy's position is worse now than it was after Potsdam? Having addressed some words of thanks to Devin for his statement, De Gasperi then gave the figures of the Italian contribution to the war of liberation. Then he read documents which prove Italy's contribution to the Yugoslav cause, and expressed regret that Yugoslavia will not recognize that democratic Italy has helped the Slavs of the South to attain their liberation.

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1. Pietro Vesetini suggests several ways of meeting the needs of the veterans.

MONDO (Independent Action)

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QUOTIDIANC (Independent Catholic) N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Lincoln Cavicchioni says that the S.A.M. and G.A.M. (Squadre d'Azione Mussolini and Gruppi d'Azione Monarchica) are preparing a "coup d'etat" in Venezia Giulia.

2. L. Vaineri writes on repairs of damaged ships and on building of new ones, which are carried out in Italian docks.

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SECIO XL (Independent Rightist) N.N.

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1. The Italian Socialist party can be divided in a right wing-to which belong the writers of Crivice Sociale-and two left wings, one of which is anti-fusionist though favourable to a strengthening of the pact of action and the second which receives its orders from the Communist party. There is however also a central part, says Leonida Repaci, who then goes on attacking this "center" which, he says, exactly as the centers of all other political party, is composed of people who want to feel safe but who are worth nothing.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) N.M.

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#### POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. We hope that De Gasperi's moderation will bear its fruit, writes Guido Gonnella.



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  13. The British Ambassador in Madrid has been authorised, according to ORBIS, to grant the "navicert" for the 700 tons of olive oil destined to Italy.
  14. It seems that, thanks to hard work, the town of Bologna will be ready to hold the administrative elections by the end of March.
  15. A well informed spokesman of the Washington Govt, questioned on the matter of war reparations, seems to have stated that, as Italy is practically insolvent, no very large reparations can possibly be asked from her, but that this does not mean that some economic restrictions may not be applied to her after the peace treaty has been defined. (A.P.)

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16. Answering a letter by De Gasperi expressing thanks for the work carried out by AMG in the North, Admiral Stone expressed his faith that Italy will complete, by her own means, the work started by AMG.

17. Speaking yesterday at the Consulta Benoni deplored the sad situation of all Italians in the Balkans, where all that belongs to them is either destroyed or seized. He then stresses the Italianity of Venezia Giulia; his words were applauded by all the Consultatori except the Communists.

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2. Commenting on the appeal of the Senators, G. Calogero says that the present situation cannot be considered as normal; there can be no question of constitutional continuity, otherwise we may see the law on the Costituente considered as unconstitutional and monarchy thus assured.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - R.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Quotidiano writes on sequestering of Italian property abroad.

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QUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Wine, it seems, will be the first produce which Italy will be able to export in fairly large quantities; it is therefore necessary, says Dionisio, that the Ministry for Foreign Commerce should get to work immediately and study the question very thoroughly, examining which wines are better suited for export.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.N.

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MONTRO - N.N.

POPCLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The National Council of Christian Democracy asks the State to do its duty towards veterans and partisans; they must be helped to find work and given proper assistance.

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Daily Digest of News Items.

GENERAL

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11. U.S. reports that Undersecretary Byrnes is very anxious to start peace negotiations with Italy.

12. Speaking yesterday at the Consulta, Deadi says a very pessimistic account of Italy's condition.

13. A group of bombs defeated yesterday by the Police in Venice. **1042**

14. Owing to serious incidents which took place here, the Ferrare Prefect has ordered curfew to be enforced again.

15. The mayor of Bolzano and the members of the C.I.M. of Bolzano province were yesterday received by De Gasperi.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITAL

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2. Lavoro published a letter from a veteran who deplores the fact that no assistance is given them.



3. It is the fifteenth of the month and the Project has not yet answered our appeal to distribute textiles to workers at decent prices, complains Favore.

MONDO (Independent Action)

1. The problem of veterans and repatriated soldiers should be solved with priority. There is no link between veterans and work, no organization to find work for them. And yet after most of the demonstrations, the Prefects and other local authorities miraculously found some way to give the work. Instead of giving aims, the Ministry for Post War Relief should make an effort to support all labour initiatives, cooperatives, etc.

OSSEVATORE MOLANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. There are far too many pornographic papers and magazines, complains Jery; an immoral nation cannot possibly be democratic, he says, and therefore we suggest that all well thinking people get together in order to defend our houses and our families against the increasing wave of bad novels.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.N.

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2. Another article against the compulsory vote. Among other arguments the point is made that such a radical departure should certainly not be entrusted to a Govt of such provisional and impermanent character as we have now. (Carlo Russo)

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Ditti is right when he says that he is not and never was a Fascist; but he is a pro-Fascist and a typical example of that parliamentary trend which led to Fascism. Ditti speaks the truth, we cannot accuse him of being false, but somehow he does not speak the right kind of truth, says Luigi Nazzari.

2. The Ministry of Industry has issued a communiqué explaining that Rome has withdrawn as owing to a delay in the arrival of American coal; this delay was caused by strikes among American miners and American port labourers. Avanti disapproves of this communiqué which, it says, only gives the reactionary and nationalistic elements further reasons to raise their heads. This communiqué, says Avanti, follows the usual system of making the workers appear responsible for anything that goes wrong, and proves that it is an entire system, the whole world through, that is really wrong.

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3. Gliord explains why shepherds ask that total amassing of wool be abolished.
4. Figures on unemployment.
5. Communications between Sardina and the mainland are scarce.
6. It is very difficult to transport electricity from the mainland to Sicily.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - F.N.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Tyranny is shortsighted, almost blind and, as it is not

capable of discrimination it seems to be enjoying concentrating its powers in punishing state employees, critics G.B. Vitali.

LIBERA STAMPA - N.K.

ROMENTO - N.K.

ROSOLO (Christian Democrat)

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2. Report of the second day of the meetings of the national Committee of the Liberal party.

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2. Letter from Orlando stating that though he expressed his opinion on the prerogative for mercy, there was no question of such a matter being referred to his judgement for decision.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità complains about the nationalistic manifestations which have been taking place at the Consulta during the last few days and which are unsuitable, considering the state of our international affairs.

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January 17, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. At yesterday's meeting of the Consulta Tineudi tackled the colonial question and spoke about Italy's right and duty to participate in the new colonial trust administration. Then Cingolani, speaking about emigration, said that Italian workers, abroad, must be treated as the workers of the countries where they go, and not as slaves.
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  12. Mr. Cleveland, Vice-president, Economic section of the Allied Commission, made yesterday a speech on the economic relations between Italy and the United States and stated what the Washington Govt, together with the London and the Canadian Govts, has done in order to help Italy re-establish normal economic relations with the rest of the world.
  13. Speaker, president of the U.S.C., sent De Gasperi a telegram thanking the Italian Prime Minister for his telegram which, he says, will be published in the records of the meeting.

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- 14. In Catania a bomb was thrown against the premises of the local Socialist party.
- 15. State employees to go on strike this morning for an hour, to protest against the unsolved question of the bonus.
- 16. During yesterday's meeting of the Liberal party Corbino stressed the necessity, for all, of working, and re-confirmed that the change of the currency will not, at present, take place.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

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SECOLO XI (Independent Rightist)

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2. In the Gorizia region the Americans meet the old Habsburg aristocracy in balls and hunt-meetings, writes Angelina Grua.

TRIBUNA DEL POLO - N.N.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The first thing that one notes, following the debates at the Consulta, is that the old pseudo-liberal and monarchic Italy is still in the vanguard. After two world-wars, after Fascism, after defeat, after the anti-Fascist insurrection, there is as yet no sign - not at the Consulta anyhow - of a new Italy. This means, says Rinaldo Ossola, that the real people of Italy have not yet found the means to express their real political opinion.

2. Not one word either at the Consulta, not a definite argument, not a decisive discussion. Everything is generic. And the Govt sits there, under Sforza's nose, without giving a sign of life. (la Bretonne)

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat) - N.N.

LIBERA STAMP.

1. Nitti is first of all a realist, says I.S. He crudely reminded Italy that economy is not determined by a few or less romantic policy, but that economic requirements generally determine political attitudes. For what concerns internal policy, such

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requirements suggest unity before anything else. We must reach a policy of actions and carry out a policy based on a concrete program.

MONTEC - N.I.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The fundamental conditions for the absorbing of our man power is a problem of foreign policy to be handled within the frame of diplomatic relations. Otherwise, it will be impossible to overcome the various class or category systems in immigration countries. (S. Jacini)

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  10. "We want a reciprocal faith and loyal cooperation to exist between England and Italy" stated Nenni to I.N.S. on his arrival in London.
  11. Administrative elections to be held, in Venice province, on the 10th and 17th of March, according to ANSA.
  12. The Consulta political, administrative and justice committee met yesterday to discuss the changes to be made to the law on repatriation in public administration.
  13. 5,000 repatriated prisoners to arrive on the 20th from Great Britain.

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14. U.P. reports that the United States and Great Britain have already reached an agreement for granting Italy a provisional treaty, while waiting for the definite peace treaty. Only Russia's answer is awaited.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPILLAI - N.N.

GIORGIO DELLA SERRA

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LAVICO (C.G.I.I.) - N.N.

MONDO (Independent Action) - Temporarily suspended.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUINTILIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

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LAVORO (C.G.I.I.) - N.N.MONDO (Independent Action) - Temporally suspended.OSSEVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.RICOSTITUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. V. Regusa's interview with Aldisio: The High Commissioner for Sicily complains that the Rom Govt doesn't grant him enough freedom to handle his problems. The policy of the ammassi is all right for the mainland, but Sicilians won't do anything under compulsion. The peasants who are starving the nation are responsible.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist) - N.N.TRIBUNA DEI POCOLI - N.N.VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The only way to save our national unity is to start federative unity. The problem is acute in Sicily, Sardinia, Val d'Aosta and will crop up tomorrow a process of Venezia Giulia. The Italian State must be organised on a basis of regional and communal autonomies, and this is of course incompatible with a monarchy. (Rinaldo Fucini)

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MORNING EARTH

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Broglio's speech was not made in the language usually used by the other members of his party, for he seems to want a brave and young liberalism; a liberalism capable of satisfying the feelings and the interests of the Italians; these his words; but then his words, says Ullisse, deny his words; he is evidently trying to keep his feet in two shoes at the same time.

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- Did not appear for lack of electric power.

#### ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat) - N.A.

#### LIBERA STAMPA

1. Vittorio Zincone's article on the administrative Council the representatives of the workers should be equal in number to those of the owners. They are supposed to control the work of the board of managers and approve the budget. We feel rather doubtful about the managing ability of such groups of representatives appointed from within.

MONTEMO

1. Fascist mentality is still strong all over the country, especially in the south.

ROZOLC (Christian Democrat)

1. The political parties and the central and provincial authorities are doing what they can to curb delinquency. However the police forces are so weak in number and badly equipped, while the offenders are perfectly organized and have up to date weapons. The Allies haven't yet authorized the Govt to raise the number of the Carabinieri from 65,000 to 75,000. The police will be efficient only if it has modern means. (Mantova)

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SPICCO (Independent)

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Daily Digest of Home Press.GENERAL

1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, which met yesterday, discussed only the matter of retirement of State employees belonging to the first five grades. One hundred cases were examined, out of a total of 150, and it was decided that 60 employees should be put on the retired list. The Council will meet again on Sunday in order to study the remaining 50 cases.
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4. A decree was signed by the Minister of the Treasury by which the indemnity for high cost of living to State employees is increased by 20 per cent effective as from the first of January.
5. It is foreseen that administrative elections in Rome may be held on the 24th of February.
6. News from Washington has it that the American Govt will use all its prestige in order that so war reparations be asked from Italy. (I.N.S.)
7. News according to which Great Britain was trying to get in possession of all economic advantages due to Italcable, are denied. All matters concerning Italcable will be defined in the peace treaty.
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10. Numerous Jews who had found protection against Nazi prosecutions, in Italy, have sent Tarchiani a message - which Tarchiani has forwarded to Rome - expressing their gratitude to all Italians. (ORBIS)

11. Nenni was yesterday received in London by Spak. Though the meeting was strictly private, it can however be affirmed, with fair certainty, reports A.P., that in spite of the good intentions of the numerous good friends that Italy has among the United Nations, her admission will not take place before she has got peace treaty. A spokesman of the Italian embassy in London stated that Nenni will speak to the press on Monday. Attlee, on the other hand, stated that he cannot yet fix an appointment to receive the Italian Minister.

12. ORBIS reports that there is a strong probability that Aldisio may be replaced, as some parties have insistently asked for his discharge.

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13. The Minister of the Interior has addressed a telegram to all the Prefects saying that it is the Govt's desire that the coming communal elections be held in an atmosphere of order and freedom, and that no incidents should occur.

14. The Yugoslav delegate to the U.N.C. officially stated that his country claims a revision of its frontiers with Italy and Germany, in order to be freed from the violence and oppression it had to suffer from Italy.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

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GIORNALI DELLA SERA

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INDIPENDENZIE

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LAVORO (G.S.I.L.) - Not available.

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1. The economic situation in Northern Italy was better than in the Centre and the South, however, considerable damage was caused by the insufficient coordination of public controls: part of Italy was under Italian Administration while the rest was still under the administration of the United Nations. Besides, the fact that policy came before economy didn't improve the situation. At present, lack of coal, operation of the best technicians, general uncertainty and difficulty in finding internal markets for the industrial production of Northern Italy are delaying the rehabilitation of the North and may explain the order of the day recently addressed by the Govt to the C.I.N.A.I.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Too many small unimportant political parties are growing up in Italy, complains Lorenzo Giussco.  
VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) did not appear.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

- 1. The news that France has decided to break all relations with France is given under the headline: "An example which should be followed".
- 2. Secondo Ramella writes on the importance of means of transport in the field of reconstruction.

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

- 1. Buonsenso reports that the Council of the National Association of Veterans was yesterday received by De Gasperi to whom they presented an order of the day in which the Veterans ask that at least ten per cent of them be employed in public or private concerns.

PROCA (Independent Leftist) - N.N.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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GLOBC (Economic)

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IBTRA STAMPA

1. Tito claims that Italy has no right to express conditions or the resumption of diplomatic relations for she is a defeated country, and he asserts that Italy must acknowledge the tremendous losses caused to Yugoslavia by her forces of occupation. Tito forgets that anti-Fascist Italy was never at war with him and tried to <sup>1034</sup> is partisans, while Fascist Italy was at war with a Yugoslav Govt that had little love for Tito. (Italo Zingerelli)

COMMENTO

1. M. approves of the unanimity of the parties in deciding that Italy wouldn't take anybody's part if a disagreement arose along the Great powers.

POPOLIO (Christian Democrat)

1. We are more than willing to give our contribution to a lasting peace, but no opportunity has been given to us, though for months we have been asking for peace and for a peace treaty. However, we shall be brought before a Court including even the representative of the Regus, we shall be included among the satellites of the Axis as if we hadn't fought against them for 20 months. (G. Gonella)

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TEMPO (Independent) - M.F.

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ANTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE N.M.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican)

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) N.M.

RINNOVAMENTO (Labour Democrat)

1. Hisolin writes on the socialist and leftist tendencies of the Labour Democrat party.

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2. Enrico Terracini accuses the Liberals of having set two mines against the Costituente; first, the request of compulsory voting, which would mean a crisis of the Govt. just at the right moment, and second "a popular referendum", that is to decide beforehand the powers of the Costituente. And the Costituente? De Gasperi promised us that we would have it by the 5th of May; but May of what year? 1951, if we listen to the Liberals.

3. Our paper did not appear yesterday owing to a sudden interruption in the electric power. We have nothing against this if it is necessary to interrupt distribution of electricity for

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could be done, but we believe that the Electric company might warn us in time.

INFORMAZIONE DEL POPOLO

1. The situation in Trieste is still unsettled and far from being calm, writes Giuliano Berta.
2. G.P. writes from Sicily on the plane which guide all the insurrectional movements in the island.
3. Tomason, reports I. d. P., those who have suffered war damage will hold their first congress.

GENERALI

1. The American Import and Export Bank has planned a means by which Italy may receive a loan of 25 million dollars worth of cotton. (A.P.)
2. According to the 1946 UNRRA program there should arrive in Italy by the end of the month 200,000 tons of petrol and 420,000 tons of other fuels.
3. The Gazzette del Mezzogiorno publishes interesting information on the traffic situation of Italians in Albania.
4. Col. Conducci stated during a press conference that all surplus war material which the American Army will cede to the Italian Govt. can be paid, by the latter, starting in 1951 by yearly installements amounting to 3 and a third per cent of the cost.
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10. Saragat sent Wietz a telegram of thanks for the speech he made at the Consulta which, says Saragat, will facilitate improvements in Italo-French relations.

11. The Allied authorities have allowed our police forces to be increased to the number we had before the war, that is 65,000 carabinieri and 32,000 police agents.

12. 20,000 Italian workers to arrive shortly in France to work in French industrial and agricultural concerns as well as in the French mines. (I.N.S.)
13. De Gasperi and Mr. Keeny have signed the new agreement drawn between the Italian Govt. and UNRRA.
14. Heavy laborers of Rome hospitals on strike this morning to protest against the increase of salary they were promised and did not get.
15. The "Ceproni" plant in Milan has been occupied by 3,000 workers to protest against discharge of workers.

NEWS PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Umberto Calosso welcomes the Trieste Camera del Lavoro into the C.G.I.I. family.
2. Edoardo Rosci writes on the departure of Roman children who are leaving for Modena where they will spend the winter as guests of local farmers families.
3. Avanti says Covinato was wrong in speaking as he did at the Consulta and that he certainly did not express the Socialists' point of view. The Socialists know that the workers already have suffered too much.

FRONTSIVO (Uomo Qualunque) N.N.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Giuseppe Benuso on the necessity of reorganising the system of prices, so that everybody be enabled to buy what is necessary.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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MOVING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Umberto Calosso welcomes the Trieste Camera del Lavoro into the C.G.I.L. family.
2. Edoardo Rossi writes on the departure of Roman children who are leaving for Modena where they will spend the winter as guests of local farmers families.
3. Avanti says Covinato was wrong in speaking as he did at the Consulta and that he certainly did not express the Socialists' point of view. The Socialists know that the workers already have suffered too much.

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1. Parri's speech at the Consulta is given in full. Parri stressed the necessity of reacting against a semi-democratic and semi-Fascist state of mind which is getting too common and wide-spread.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Di Vittorio has no financial concerns therefore he is not

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entitled to enforce the principle 'politique d'abord' at the expense of the nation: Why does he ask Italy to give up commercial relations with Spain?

LIBERA STAMPA N.N.

MEMORIO

1. The problem of repatriated soldiers must be coped with at once. For a long time now, they have been asking for work and they cannot afford to wait any longer because they are hungry. (Tommaso Smith)

2. It is rumoured that Scelbe wants to entrust prof. Villani, his private secretary, with an important post in the Italcable board of managers, this against the advice of his collaborators. We would like to know whether this is true.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Consulta repeated over and over again its anti-nationalist and anti-imperialist feelings. Unfortunately, this doesn't mean unity of views for it often implies a tendency to support other people's nationalism. Nothing new has come out of the numerous speeches made at Montecitorio, which do nothing but call to notice the obvious discontent of the nation and leave those who are responsible for our foreign policy to choose the best means to reach the common aim. (Gonella)

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The most democratic of constitutions is worth nothing and cannot prevent a return of dictatorship as long as liberty is but a word. (G. Granata)

TEMPO (Independent) N.N.

UNICA (Communist) N.N.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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January 22, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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Then Sforza spoke and said that he is sure of expressing the opinion of 44 million Italians in saying that a "punishing peace" would be unjust, because of Italy's contribution to the Allied war effort, and that besides such a peace would also be harmful to the Allies' desire of establishing a democratic life throughout Europe. Sforza ended by reading a statement by the Consulta expressing Italy's right to a just peace. It was then decided that the political electoral law would be examined by the Consulta plenary meetings, starting on the 14th of February.

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3. Remita stated in Pescara, that the elections for the Constituents will take place on the 12th of May.
4. The rumor that the King and Queen of Italy are living in Palestine is denied.
5. Accompanied by Carandini Nenni has visited a camp of Italian prisoners in London.
6. The two Yugoslavs who had murdered an Allied soldier in Gorizia have been discovered by the Police; they will probably be extradited as, if they belong to the Yugoslav army, they cannot be tried by the A.M.G. tribunals. A.M.G. in Friuli has ordered the suspension of the Communist weekly "Lotta e Lavoro", for having published some accusation - which turned out to be false - against the carabinieri.
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14. Explosions took place in an allied ammunition train; numerous injured and serious damage.

AFTERNOON PAPERSCAPITALI - N.Y.ESPRESSO (Independent)

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#### FIGLIO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. There should be more public baths in this city which was once famous for having so many.

#### TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO - N.N.

#### VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Ugo della Seta debates with Osservatore Romano on compulsory voting.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. A new foreign policy can but be based on complete knowledge of the situation in which we find ourselves; too many, says Antonio Bergomi, seem to forget that Italy is a defeated nation. We must therefore, he writes, start our march forward from the very lowest rung of the ladder; and this seems to be exactly the line that De Gasperi intends to follow. It would be a great mistake to strengthen the opinion - too widely spread as it is - that only the second war, the one that started on the 8th of September, counts. De Gasperi said that we must expect we are right for, without explanation there will be no re-orientation for us. Our contribution to the common war effort cannot annul the fact that we are a defeated nation; our politicians cannot play on the leitmotiv of "co-belligerency"; only the Allies can judge how much this co-belligerency can count in our favour.

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2. Financial catastrophe of the Caproni concern caused by the action taken by the C.I.N. of the plant.

3. It appears that the President of the I.N.C.I.S. intends to raise the rent by 700 per cent. How are the State employees to find the money to pay their rent?

LIBERA STAPPA - R.N.

MORONTO - R.N.

POCCIO (Christian Democrat)

1. De Gasperi's speech stated the main territorial problems and reasserted the position of Italy that is asking to have her rights acknowledged. The spiritual solidarity on the eve of decisive events is a personal success for the President of the Council; it shows that above party spirit, we may find a common working ground to defend the interests of the country.

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GENERAL

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9. Vicentini, Director of ENEL, stated to ORBIS that the American Labor Federation - through Luigi Antonini - and the American Relief for Italy - through Jago Jovanovic - have decided to finance a school of arts and crafts, in Italy, for orphans of Italian workers belonging to the C.G.I.L. This school will be named after F.D. Roosevelt. (T.)
10. Interviewed by the ASSOCIATED PRESS Dr. Charles Murzio, who stated that the Italian people cannot possibly survive another hard winter, he then spoke about the tragic situation of Italian hospitals. (C.)

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11. During a surprise visit to the black market of Pissone  
Termini the police seized quintals of American, English and  
Italian cigarettes.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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SECULO NY (Independent Rightist)

1. S. NY points out that neither Stars and Stripes, nor Union Jack mentioned De Gasperi's speech.

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TRIFUNA DEL PORTO

1. The problem which the Allies have to solve doesn't consist in the fighting out of our mistakes and offenses only; it chiefly depends on the necessary conditions for the functions which our country will have to fulfill in the new world organization. The solution is therefore closely linked with the new international settlement.

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2. Italian life depends on the arrival of a few thousand tons of coal. Considering the decrease of coal production in Europe, we may say that great and small powers will fail to organize peace and the economic life of the continent if they insist on enforcing the present methods. Besides the political failure, we are now threatened with a serious economic failure. Imperialists should realize that their system is all wrong for it doesn't even create selling markets. Why do the States send us so little coal? Why is Cardinal coal being sent to North Africa? Why do the Allies cut down the Italian forests and export the timber?

MORNING STAR

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2. Pietro Gattara writes on the various tendencies of Italian Socialism.

BUNSENTO (Turco-Syriac)

1. Corbin was right, during his speech, to recall the story of the cobbler, in a word, who went on working during an air raid in his semi-destroyed house, and the words uttered by a foreign personality who witnessed the fact "a country where there live such people cannot die". The humble "sciuseia" should not be despised, says Buonaiuto, for very often they contribute to keep alive their family. More to be expected are all those people who instead of working - there is no such work to be done - play with words and seem to rejoice in a battle.

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FRUCA (Independent Socialist) - N.A.

GLCRA (Liberal Catholics) (Government) - N.A.

GLCBO (Technic)

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ITMIG (Independent)

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Daily Digest of Rome News

GENERAL

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10. Seven people were injured and heavy damage was caused by a railway accident near Genoa.

11. 8,000 people aimless owing to the Torino Automobile explosion.

12. The news that King Victor Emmanuel was going to abdicate in favour of his grandchild is denied by ANSA.

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13. Speaking about the Italian situation the League Times points out that among the factors to which the great depression of the country is due are not only political economic and social reasons, but even psychological ones. The article ends by urging all those who represent public opinion, whether in or out of the Govt, not to lose hope in the future of the country and warns them that this is no time for passive waiting and grumbling.

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APPROXIMON PAPERSCAPITALE - K.W.ESPRESSO (Independent)

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SAVONO (C.G.I.I.)

1. In Sicily, EVIS formations are said to be distributing foreign-made weapons to the population, promising them the support of a foreign country. These weapons have probably been stolen from Allied depots. Near Catania, groups of Fascists were heard singing fascist songs during the night.

2. A delegation of Sicilian industrial managers arrived in Rome and met the Sicilian Consultori, discussing the export of Sicilian sulphur. **1024**

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3. Creste Lizzaari explains why the workers have not been satisfied with Corbino's statement on the financial situation of the country, pointing out: a) the lack of exact figures; b) the fact that the Govt which, for a long time, has been preaching sacrifices to the Italian people in order to increase its income, has still no money and was not even able to pay the 13th month salary of 1945; c) that if the Govt does not change the currency, no one will ever be able to know the exact amount of lire scattered all over the world; d) that the change of the currency is the first step towards the stabilising of the lira and of prices.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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ourselves as being besieged, for being besieged implies having enemies; and Italy instead is surrounded by friends. The proof of the friendly feelings which the others have for us, is the amount of relief which pours into the country, and without which we could not have survived this winter.

2. It was not necessary for Corbino to explain, in lengthy technical reasons, why the change of the currency did not and will not take place; had he stated immediately that he himself is against this change, all the other reasons he gave would have become unimportant, particularly so as we do not want to offend him by thinking that he was stopped merely by technical difficulties. (c p)

3. Italy's new eastern frontier must not become a barrier dividing two people, it must be a pledge of solidarity and fraternity among all workers, says Guido Migliorini writing on the situation in Latinia.

#### BURNSENCO (Uomo Qualunque)

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GLOBO (Economic)

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- 3. If no coal is supplied to the FIAT, the plant will have to close down.
- 4. An Italo-American meeting to discuss the agricultural problems in Florence.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - P.M.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat) - P.M.

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MEMORANDUM

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TRIFO (Independence)

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January 25, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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11. In 1742 courses, out of 7214, electoral lists are ready.
12. A long interview took place last night between De Gasperi and Ambassador Kirk. **1022**
13. De Gasperi to speak on Sunday at the San Carlo theatre in Naples.
14. Reports sent by Ambassador Kirk to the Washington State Department point out how serious the Italian economic situation is. (U.S.)

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ANTIFASCIST PAPERS

CAPICALE - N.N.

ESPRESSO (Independent) - N.N.

GIORNALI DELLA SERA

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INDEPENDENT

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. G. Pallestrelli comments on the 10th American Congress, opening tomorrow in Florence, that is to discuss agricultural problems in relation with the resumption of production and world wide exchanges. Sharecropping will certainly be discussed too, and we must hope that no decisions will be taken that could endanger the economic life of the country.

2. Trieste is paying for fascist offenses, and the static force of the Italians cannot get the better of Yugoslav political

pressure. With Zero Zencovich, we must hope for the publication of a White Book. The Italians cannot undertake such a publication, for investigations of such a kind are in Allied hands, however the Allies cannot deny this to public opinion which is asking for such a book to be published in the name of civilization and justice. (Giuliano Gaeta)

SECOLO XXI (Independent Rightist)

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2. There are at present in Italy three very selfish elements; first the selfishness of the workers who will not understand that

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the country does not, at present, need all their capacity and who try, by petty means, to go on getting their pay while not working; second the selfishness of businessmen - retailer and whole sale dealers - who complain that they cannot go on making as much money as they were accustomed to make before; and thirdly, says G. Ferravicini, the selfishness of country people; not only peasants but also landowners; but their egotism is not much spoken about, no party dares to accuse them openly, because of the approaching electoral campaign.

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3. The policy of the Christian Democrats is upsetting the equilibrium to the advantage of the right; the Liberal party has now reached conservative and reactionary positions. This race towards the right may go on for ever.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Scrutator protests against the theory that Christian Democracy is the only interpreter of catholic thought and the only party for which a catholic may vote.

2. In London Deauli stated that there is no risk of influence on the part of the leftist parties as if we didn't have the proof every day that violence is his favorite means of action and that his party is well supplied in the way of arms. Besides he announces the activity of fascist elements that attempt to undermine the faith of the nation in the democratic principles. We may say to the labour party that the only form of fascism to be met in Italy is represented by the Communist Party and its satellites.

LIBERAL STAFF

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TEMPO (Independent)

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UNITA (Continued)

1. Employees of the Post and Telegraph Offices will go on strike if the Ministry of the Treasury does not agree to an increase of salary.
2. 35,000 Roman children will receive the Pope's blessing at St Peter's today.



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ITALIAN

1. The COUNCIL OF MINISTERS met yesterday morning and started by examining the plan suggested by Cassinotto, Minister of Post War Relief, for the solution of the problem of the veterans, of the widows and of the civilian victims of war. A special inter-ministerial committee was organized to study the question of finding all giving ways to these people, in connection with the general problem of unemployment. This committee will meet on Monday morning. After further discussion it was decided to authorize the Minister of Post War Relief to continue and increase the work of reconstruction and repair of houses damaged by Nazi-blasts; to start construction and repairs of small peasants' houses damaged by war; to hand over to the Opera Nazionale Combattenti stretches of wastelands cultivated and in part confiscated from ex-landless to help, by credits, agricultural (mainly to help install special courses to re-educate veterans in specialized technical, agricultural, commercial or industrial work. During the meeting, Cassinotto, Minister of Public Works, made a statement on the condition of Ferro Annunziato, which he has just visited. The Council then approved the draft of a decree connected with the supplementary agreement signed between the Italian Govt and United States aiming at facilitating the inscriptions on the electoral lists; a decree authorizing the starting of new public works decided as urgent in order to fight unemployment. Following this last measure two billion lire were allotted for the construction of "new population".

2. ORSINI reports that sea traffic between Italy's southern coast and Greece is gradually being re-activated.
3. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has prepared a list of goods to be imported from Switzerland as payment of the "Guarantee Account", which is formed by Italian credits due for goods exported during the post-war period.
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6. Workers who had organized the Ciproli plant, have abandoned it to technicians again. (ANSA)
7. The Yugoslav embassy in Washington issued a communiqué - addressed to American public opinion - accusing the Italian Govt of undue pressure with the Allies in order to reach a normalization of Italo-Yugoslav relations. The document goes on saying that a favored country cannot possibly pretend to force a victory on a defeated country friendly relations with it. Before such conditions can be re-established Italy must recognize that Yugoslavia was the victim of an Italian imperialistic attack, that Italy's ground troops inflicted great losses upon Yugoslav and that Yugoslav territorial claims are just. (I.N.S.)

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8. A train loaded with Italian wives of American soldiers and officers left Rome yesterday for Naples where they will embark for New York.

9. It seems, according to rumors gathered by INFORMATION that Lilla may become president of I.I.I.I. (N.)

10. The I.I.I.I. news agency reports that a group of Lombardy socialists are planning to open a gambling house in the "Castelli Romani". (N.)

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20. After an exceptional year of drought a terrific storm has devastated Calabria, great damage, mines thrown on the shore by the storm have exploded.

21. A fast train to start running towards the middle of February between Rome and Paris the fare will amount to about 22,000 lire, announced A.P.I.

22. The Warlord-ambassador plans to start air service between Rome and Washington.

23. U.S. announces from Washington that Italy's peace treaty will probably be ready by the first of April. It furthermore says that Great Britain is willing to permit Italy to have an army of 200,000 men, while Russia seems to be opposed.

24. Argentina wants Italy to have a fair peace treaty. (U.S.P.)

25. The collaboratorist C.T. Basilio was sentenced to death by the Assises of Davis.

#### AFTRNOCCN PAPERS

##### CAPITALE

1. The great ado caused by the INCIS' decision to increase rents is unjustified as these enforced till now were still referred to the 1938 costs.

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4. Resumption of works at the Pirelli plant. An output of 1,000 tyres daily is expected.

OSSERVANZE ROMANE (Vaticani) - F.F.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.F.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. S.C. recalls the contribution of the Royal Italian Navy to

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the Allied victory in the Mediterranean and gives figures of the losses in ships and crew after September 8th 1943.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. What is happening in France, where the MRP party is compelled to follow a humiliating policy of compromise with the Left Wing on account of the mistake which it made by supporting the adoption of the proportional voting system instead of the single-membership one, should clearly show the Italian Christian-Democrats what path to follow. (A. Petrucci)
2. A huge illegal traffic of fire-arms is being carried on in Terni, Secolo reports.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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2. Twentyfour members of the UVA had been arrested, but they were released with noteworthy speed, complains E.
3. Commenting on the frequent news of arrests of neo-fascists, or discovery of neo-fascist groups, Avanti wonders "who pays". Who is it that pays for arming and organising these people?



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BUCCHIGNOSO (Como Quilinario)

1. Commenting on the fact that all public places - such as restaurants and cinemas etc. - will probably have to close at 10 P.M. owing to shortage of electricity, Bucchignoso complains that there is somebody who is trying to render Rome absolutely impassible to live in. Not only, says the paper, we believe that people who have worked hard all day have the right to relax themselves in the evening, if they feel like it, but we know that many people cannot possibly, owing to their work, have dinner before ten o'clock, and many of these have no house and have to eat out in a "ristorante", what are going to do? Go to bed without any food?

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5. Price of wine has greatly diminished, writes F.I. from Turin giving figures.

6. 4,500 million lire of surplus war material has been bought so far by ARMA (Azienda Rilievo Allocations Realizzati)

#### ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The National Congress of the Action Party will open in Rome on February 4th.

2. According to the statistics of the "Bollistino del Lavoro" a normal family (father, mother and 3 children) can not live on 5800 lire per month, which is the pay that a normal worker gets, as the same family must spend 12,150 lire per month on food only.

3. The committee of the Federation of the Italian Harbour Workers states, about the Torre Annunziata ammunition blast, that this disaster happened because the train was not surveyed and because the authorities had not taken sufficient precautions.

4. The paper accuses De Gasperi - having first stated that it does not mean to carry on an anti-Govt policy - of having been rather too partial in asking Mussolini to remain at his job. Did De Gasperi behave thus because Mussolini too belongs to the Christian-Democrat party? We do not want De Gasperi to be the secretary of his party, but the head of the State.

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2. Both the North and the South are wrong for they both exaggerate in a different sense. The North claims it liberated the whole country and was the only part of Italy that suffered. The South is getting too strongly reactionary in opposition to the anti-fascism of the North. (S. De Leo)

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The Sicilian partisans joined the joint forces in the fighting against the fascists at Nicosia. (ANSA)

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Children in the country around Naples play among cases of amputation, which might exclude any moment, complains Paolo Ricci.

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OSCEMIA DEL MONTI (Vatican) Not available.

QUINDIANO (Independent Catholic) N.N.

LAVORAZIONE (Labour Democrat) N.N.

SECCIO ALI (Independent Socialist)

1. At the end of his speech at the Consulta De Gasperi urged all Italians to fraternise. Very well, says Secchio ALI; We have nothing against this "fraternisation" among Italians, but we should like to be explained how the theory of fraternisation is compatible with the carrying on of the anti-Fascist struggle and with the confiscation of Fascist profits.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Under the headline "banditry is spreading from North to South" N.A.P. reports on numerous acts of banditry which have taken place lately throughout the country.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) N.M.

GENERAL

1. Truman urged the competent American authorities to hasten as much as possible the sending over of wheat to Italy. (I.M.S.)

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11. Scoccimarra, having stated to ANSA that, owing to the postponement since the change of currency and to the consequent non application of the extraordinary tax on patrimony, the State treasury will have to face expenses only with ordinary taxes and loans, added that very probably rationing of tobacco will shortly be abolished.

WORKING PAPERS

AVANTI ( Socialist ) N.M.

GIORNALI DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Italy is under joint a refula war of nerves, we should like



to have simple and sincere answers to the following questions, says Arrigo Jacchia: a) Do or do not the United Nations want a national reconstruction of Italy? b) Do they or do they not agree that Italy should have to fulfill, tomorrow, a social European function? c) Why do they think about accepting Italy among the United Nations? It would be worth while being sincere, for once. And one other thing the United Nations should not forget; i.e. that Italy is still, in spite of the Fascist war and of the debatable Costituente, a European country, and not a colony.

2. First installment of Giuseppe Petroni's diary.

BUONCONSENSO (Some Questions)

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EPCCA (Independent Leftist) N.Y.

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- 2. Interpellation by Consultore G. Tedeschi; Considering the action taken by the Govt. to fight banditry... Wouldn't it be a good thing to show clemency to those who went astray during a period of crisis and now want to live as law abiding citizens? This 1015 justify stronger steps against those who refuse to acknowledge the authority of the State.

3. The Communist party wants to make a loan. However a political party isn't a bank. How will the Communist party be able to pay back this loan after 3 years as it intends to do? (Babeuf?)

LIBERA STALPA

1. L.S. quotes an article of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" on French claims on our Western frontier. In spite of the pressure exercised on Rome, it seems unlikely that our Govt. will give in, thus sacrificing important sources of electric light, as well as two cities that are ethnographically Italian.

MOISNES, N.F.

FRANCESCO (Christian Democrat) A.H.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità blames that failure to curb banditry in the South on the inefficiency of the Profumo and Carcanoieri.

2. Among capitalists such as Agnelli and Bonagami, we must also put the Savoy family, says Marco Cossolini. They own enormous estates, palaces, jewels, works of art, and funds that will always be reimbursed at their face value.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Papi's article on the possibilities of Italian emigration in France.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Refuges, veterans, manufacturers, officials, are all appealing to the State for help, and who can blame them? The State doesn't create wealth. Wealth we must create ourselves by our work.

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GENERAL

1. To Gaspere Italians of their dignity and of the essential conditions for their vital development, was improvising the whole world, said De Gasperi during his speech in Naples, on Sunday. Having praised Naples and the whole of the South for its efforts towards rehabilitations, he said that the Govt, by meeting the needs of Naples, will only do half its duty. He then pointed out the great difficulties which are connected with all problems concerning Italian reconstruction, and the fact that work must have prominence over capital and that the latter should be distributed on a fairer basis. Speaking about the Constituents, he said, that though he is convinced that radical changes will take place with the Constituents, all the same it would be a mistake to believe this assembly capable of performing miracles. Having defined Sicilian Separatism as "an illness due to defeat and not a start towards a new life", De Gasperi praised the carabinieri who have performed praiseworthy deeds in Sicily. He explored the existence of other separatist movements apart from the Sicilian one, and said that the Italian State will soon start concentrating all its efforts on the re-establishing of national unity. Changing the subject he said how unjust would be the seizure of Italian property abroad. Having then recalled Attlee's words that Christian-Democracy is very similar to the British Labour-Democracy, the Prime Minister wonders whether Great Britain, which helped Italy during her first "risorgimento", wont help her again during this second "risorgimento" through which she is striving. Having pointed out that Italy has already expiated for a great many of her mistakes, he added that it would not be too wise to seek very carefully who must and who must not expiate for war night fine, among the allies, many who have, at one time, praised or helped Fascism.
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6. The new French Ambassador to arrive today in Rome.

7. De Gasperi received yesterday the Danish Ambassador.

8. The number of people who lost their life in the Torre Annunziata blast amounts now to 49.

9. The Soviet daily "Isvestia" charges the Vatican with having caused most of the new cardinals among reactionary personalities; the Russian paper also adds that the fact that seven Anglo-Saxon cardinals were appointed shows that the Vatican is trying to increase its influence over Anglo-Saxon countries.

10. A Ferrara new daily could not appear because printers refused to print it. (ORRIS)

11. The French authorities in Nice have been warned, according to I.N.S., that the Italo-French frontier will remain closed until further order. This order seems to have been issued, without any explanation, by the Allied occupation forces in Italy.

12. De Gasperi, accompanied by General Leo, visited yesterday Torre Annunziata and stated that the Allied authorities has promised to remove all explosives from the zone.

#### AFTERNOON PAPERS

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GIORNALE DELLA SERA

1. Report on Sicily's three worst plagues: banditry, separatism and "mafia", by Nicola Cupi.

2. Those many Italians who have been repatriated from Tripoli, Lybia, Ethiopia, are as prisoners, here in Italy, and they live only with the hope in mind: that is of going back to Africa, writes C.A.S.

3. G. U. S. reports that a train containing about one thousand Italian prisoners came from Susa. It passed through France, going nobody knows where; the train was strictly guarded and no one was allowed to exchange one word with the prisoners.

#### SECOLO XII (Independent Rightist)

1. The Leftist parties bring what charges they can against the Monarchy with whom they have been collaborating for two years. However, after these two years, the charges of reaction and revolt brought against the Quirinale collapse; the Luogotenente scrupulously observed the fiction of the G. U. S. representation, and respected party appointments. Facts themselves answer the charge of incompatibility between the House of Savoy and the Monarchy, and Republicans, Communists, Socialists and Actionists helped to establish such facts by collaborating with the Luogotenente and proving that a Monarchic and Democratic Gov. was possible for the Country thanks to the loyalty of the Prince. (Manlio Lugaresi)

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 visits by musicians, doctors, etc. We hope, says I.S., that normal  
 human intercourse will be re-established between all the countries.

3. Avanti, having stated that the presidency of the Council  
 has announced that administrative elections will take place on the  
 17th of March, in 500 core countries, gives the list of these  
 countries.

#### BUCONS-NSO (Coro Quilano)

1. Bucconese reports that in reference five "good night"  
 attacked by a hundred Communists.

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2. Important police operations are being carried out in Bergamo Giulini, writes Luchese, and several hundred people seem to have been arrested. Such measures were ordered following the numerous assassinations carried out against allied soldiers.

3. Buonarose publishes an article by Leopoldo Caraccioli on Polish troops and why they do not want to repatriate.

#### EUROPE (Independent and Left)

1. Interview with Mario Segni on the international and home functions of the Socialist party. The international organization, he said, is still based on that equilibrium of forces which had characterized the international organization before the war.

2. The "war shipping administration", reports Egoce, has announced that 13 ships loaded with coal, wheat, cotton and dried fish, are on their way to Italy.

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#### GIOVINEZZE DEL NATIONALE (Government)

1. Democracy should treat the absolute respect for the normal rights of men, says Eugenio Scalfari adding that, if democracy is really interpreted in this way, then naturally life is easier and less enter in democratic countries.

#### GLIECO (Economic)

1. Electric plants in the South damaged by land slides, reports Egoce.

2. Interviewed in Rome by ANSA Luchese stated that the problem of discharge of workers is one of the most serious the Govt has to solve.

3. Article on production of automobiles in Italy.

4. The port of Genoa will regain its full efficiency by 1947.

#### ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The anti-Fascist cause is condemned to failure should not the men of the Govt prove to be able to act in the interest of the whole country, says V. Dea, commenting on the future opening of the Action Party's Congress.

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1. Damages done in the South damaged by landslides, reports Globo.

2. Interviewed in Venice by ENZA BERTOLUCCI stated that the problem of discharge of workers is one of the most serious the Govt has to solve.

3. Article on production of automobiles in Italy.

4. The port of Genoa will regain its full efficiency by 1947.

#### ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The anti-Fascist cause is condemned to failure should not the men of the Govt prove to be able to act in the interests of the whole country, says V. ROS, commenting on the future opening of the Action Party's Congress.

2. We are not satisfied with the news about what is going on in Sicily given us by the news-agencies, and would like to hear the views of the Govt on the matter.

#### ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. We agree with De Gasperi, says Scaturro, when he affirms that the Italian Nation has no way to negotiate because it is still juridically bound by the realistic terms. But we also want to point out that no human power could have stopped the Italian people from speaking to the Allies through their representatives, to let them know that they had no fascist feeling, but really democratic ones.

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and that they were capable of fighting for their own freedom and for the freedom of other countries. The first victory of liberated Italy did this. But when the C.I.M. Govt took power in May 1944, the monarchy and all those with monarchist views were accused of being fascists or neo-fascists. Now, in the international circles the word "fascist" means "aggressor", by following such a policy the C.I.M. Govt are belittling the democratic efforts of our people, spreading distrust towards us among the allies and preparing the diplomatic atmosphere for a "split".

2. The word "Factoria" in Milan (Ecclesia and INCV) have superseded their activity owing to lack of coal.

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ZOPOLA (Christian Democrat) - R...

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. After so many years of Fascist tyranny, Italy can no longer bear sacrifices, says Tempo commenting on De Gasperi's speech. Furthermore, a policy of fatalism will certainly not save Italy.

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2. Commenting on the protests of the Austrian Chancellor that De Gasperi's statement that the Southern Tyrol must go to Italy, Tempo says that Italy has never invaded Austria and that the creation of Tyrol to Austria means the opening of the gates to a German invasion.

1. Bruno d'Algarini reports that life has become impossible for the Italians in Pola. The Hungarians have taken everything, terrorize the Italian inhabitants and distribute tons of paint to their partisans for wall inscriptions. Furthermore, in the Allied zone there is an organized robbery of Allied material which is sent to the Axis forces by sea.

4. Times publisher V. Bevilacqua's interview with Bonomi on his journey to London. Bonomi said that the mission he had undertaken as Secretary of the Socialist Party was a success, because the discussions of the Italian Socialist problems not with the approval of the British Labor Party. Bonomi also met the British Foreign Minister and the President of U.S.A. with whom he talked about the Italian general election, discussing the coalition with about the Italian contribution to the Allies after September 1943 will be taken into account, that Italy, by no means, will be treated as Germany and that Italy will be invited to Paris by U.S.A. to discuss the settlement of her frontier and colonies. Bonomi also said that he met in Paris General De Gaulle (then President) and Mr. Gouin, Minister of Education with whom he planned the Congress of the Socialist Party. Bonomi concluded by saying that some people abroad have a wrong idea of Italians and believe that they are still Fascists.

ITALY (Communist)

1. Interviewed by our paper, Alberto Ingravallo, Communist member of the Ministerial Committee which was preparing the electoral law, said that the Communists are favourable to the adoption of the restricted suffrage, that all major parties want to enforce the proportional system, and that the strong Communist opposition to the compulsory vote may bring about its rejection. Concerning Scavini's proposed amendment tending to limit the powers of the Constituent, he stated that it seems strange that a body not precisely democratic like the Consulta should limit the power of another body set up through the will of the entire country. He then added that the date of the elections depends upon the good will of the "consultative".
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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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7. The Ministry has passed to the Consulta, for approval, a draft decree for allowing the State budget a further income of 37 billion lire.

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11. Byrnes stated yesterday to the journalists that it was decided, following the United States' request, to give priority to the drafting of Italy's peace treaty.

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14. Admiral Stone, according to the Italian Govt, stated that the news of the closing of the Italo-French frontier - by order of the Allied Military Command - is false.
15. De Gasperi sent a telegram of greetings for the opening, Florence, of the colonial meeting. **1011**
16. Lupidi, speaking yesterday on the radio, announced that Christian-Democracy will not participate in any electoral bloc.

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17. Col. Bowman, head of A.M.S. Civil Affairs in Venezia Giulia, said that in about seven or ten days he will probably make important statements on the "potentiality" of the port of Trieste. He added that "if everything goes all right, these statements will cause general satisfaction".

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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1. T.d.P. reports from Catania on the T.V.I.S. organisation.

2. The letter addressed by Mr. Clinton Anderson to the Italo-American Agricultural Congress of Florence, is published.

3. Rome and Foggia are probably to become important bases for Anglo-American air-traffic.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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1. Voce Repubblicana protests against the publication of Clara Fatacci's diary in the Giornale del Mattino and explains why she is the only member of Mussolini's gang who deserves forgiveness.

2. General Arnaldo Azzi pleads for a new Italian Army with a Republican ideal.

3. Voce Repubblicana comments ironically on Corbino's "success", in obtaining from the Allied authorities that the Allied Military currency be hereafter printed by the Bank of Italy, and says that "the Allies coming to ask us for money" is for Corbino a small satisfaction.

4. La Stampa cannot understand why "the prince of the imperial journalists" Ansaldo, is still in jail while so many of his ex-partners are writing in the 30000 news-papers daily printed in Italy.

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AVANTI (socialist) - R.N.

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GICRIATY DEL MATTINO (Government) - R.N.

GLOBO (Technic)

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2. Import of foreign films costs Italy one and a half billion lire per year.

3. Globo points out how two territories which are claimed, by France and Austria, in Val d'Aosta and in Alto Adige, contain important electric plants.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. In order to carry on a sound foreign policy the Italian democracy should refrain from power politics, should start some kind of federal relations with other European countries and adopt an economic policy as liberal as possible. (A. Spinelli)
2. Interview with Calogero and De Siga were on the problems of the school.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. I.N. says in its leading article that what has been stated by the English Labour Party in the order of the day issued after Kennan's visit and by the "investigator" in its last editorial, that is that no danger could derive to Italy from the activities of the leftist partisans, but instead only from neo-fascist adventurers, should be dealt with an official and absolute denial by our Govt, as it is throwing the country in an unbearable situation.

2. The C.I.D. of Venezia Giulia sent a telegram to the U.N.O. stating that the Joint Allied Investigating Committee will not find out the truth as the Italians have been persecuted, killed or sent to concentration camps by the Yugoslavs, and that those who remained have been so much terrorized that they will refuse to answer any question. The telegram ends by affirming the necessity that "zone B" be evacuated by the Yugoslavs and occupied by the Allies.

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#### RICORDI WIO LIBERTARI (Liberal)

1. Many people will say that there was no point in fighting with the Allies if we are to have a hard peace all the same. However, we mustn't forget that we fought chiefly for ourselves, and to prove that we were not a nation of slaves. Thanks to our effort, we now have a Govt, a free press and we can summon the

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population to free elections and chose a new constitution. (Mario Periera)

PYRIO (Independent)

1. Gino Tomajuoli writing about the Italian colonies says that as one century ago nothing could have stopped the European migrants in America from going westward, nothing can now stop the Europeans from wanting to go and work to Africa and therefore if U.N.C. closes the African door to Italy and forces 150,000 Italians now dwelling in the Italian colonies to become subjects of "several countries which do not even agree together" there is only one thing to be said: "Is UNO looking for peace or for a break-out between two wars?"

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Pietro Secchia writing on the loan that the Communist Party has launched "for the victory of Democracy against the Monarchists, Fascists and war profiteers", says that the money of this loan is warranted by the Communist Party which "for 25 years has fought Fascism and therefore is safer than any kind of Bank or Institution".

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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January 31, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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2. The British Minister of War has announced that 142,000 Italian P.O.W.s are still in the United Kingdom. (INS)
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13. The percentage of Villa Gracie, near Palermo, attacked by bandits.
14. All wartime restrictions on Italy's export trade have now been abolished with the result that Italy, with only temporary reservation, is now free to export goods without reference to the Allied Commission, which Stone announced today. Details follow.
15. According to U.P., Argentina is considering the possibility of negotiating an economic agreement with Italy.
16. U.P. reports from London that considerable progress has been made in the drafting of Italy's peace treaty.

AMERICAN PAPERS

CAPITALISM - N.Y.

ESPERUSSO (Independent) - N.Y.

GICERNADY DELLA SERA

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GIORNATAVAPORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.Y.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.Y.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Agostino Pastore says that one of the most urgent things for us to do is to rebuild our ports and our merchant fleet.

STACCIO XXI (Independent Rightist)

1. By reinforcing the Monarchical institution, says Secolo in its leader, the formation of a tolerant and christi Society

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CESTIVADONE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.R.

QUORIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.R.

ALCO JERUZICONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Agostino Pastore says that one of the most urgent things for us to do is to rebuild our ports and our merchant fleet.

SECOLO XV (Independent Rightist)

1. By reinforcing the Mercurio institution, says Secolo in its leader, the formation of a tolerant and Christian society will be secured, while by giving way to a republican Constituent assembly one can expect nothing but the resumption of mob convulsions, punitive expeditions, and acclamating processions.

2. Article by Angelo Pietra on the present situation of the Galletto power plant.

3. The Yugoslav authorities are laying hands on machines, trucks and plants in the town of Trieste and in the whole of the area, with the pretext that said material is to be regarded as war booty.

ARIBUNA DEL FOCOLG

1. Simone Malvagna reports on the Sicilian separatist movement.

2. Commenting on the agitation of the State officials, Gaetano Stannati says that they are entitled to get what they have asked for, because even if the Govt is now compelled to economize, it is not right that the burden of economy should fall on State employees alone. The Govt instead should reduce the bureaucratic machinery as much as possible.

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BUCONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

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SECOA (Independent Leftist)

1. Having reported the appearance of a new Socialist paper in Milan, SECOA goes on explaining the functions of Italian and of international Socialism.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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### LIBERA STAMPA

1. I.S. emphasizes the fact that Italy isn't responsible for the war decided by Fascism and adds that the United States is among the countries which show the greatest comprehension for our present conditions.

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2. Consultore De Berti stated that the situation of Venezia Giulia is more tragic than ever. The Italians will never be allowed to express their wishes freely, and the Yugoslavs intend to deceive the commissions by preparing posters and flags showing that the Italians themselves wish for the region to be annexed to Yugoslavia. At present the Italian population has to remain indoors and cannot express any opinion.

MONTEKRO

1. The Govt must take action to improve the position of the officials.

FORCLO (Christian Democrat)

1. According to the correspondent of Epolo in London it appears that France gave up her claims on Briga and Londa. (V. Cecchini)

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. More corpses were found in a foiba near Trieste.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Commenting on Italy's industrial organisations, T. says in its leader that it would be a good thing to unify the two different organisations now existing in the North and in the South.

2. Guido Arton comments on letters, leaflets and clandestine papers which during the last few days arrived to the editor of "TEMPO" from Istria.

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