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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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6. A reception, at which numerous Italian political and literary personalities as well as members of the diplomatic circle were present, was offered by De Gasperi to Gabriella Mistral, the Nobel literature prize of the year.

7. A further thousand and four hundred Italian POW landed in Taranto, coming from the Middle East.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.N.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. According to the Leftist parties the position of the monarchy is that of a defendant at a trial, with the only difference that the monarchy is not allowed to defend itself. (Manlio Lupinacci)

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Article on taxes on workers' wages.

2. Globo reports that the clandestine tobacco manufacture of Isola di Lira will shortly be suppressed.

3. The Minister of Transport announced that the Italian Govt has been offered a certain amount of railway engines and carriages. The Govt is studying the possibility of making the purchase.

4. Globo wonders whether Italy will get back her liners.

5. Seed potatoes have arrived in Naples. 1136

6. On Sardinian cork production.

7. Prices of shoes are as yet too high, complains Globo.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. It appearsthat most of the Italians who were expelled from Switzerland had been denounced to the Swiss authorities by the local C.L.N. However the Italian Foreign Office intervened in favour of the Italians in Switzerland and it is to be hoped that an understanding may soon be reached between the Swiss and Italian Govts.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Naples after being badly damaged by war is now a kind of ammunition dump. We cannot understand why the Allied police forces are enforcing a strict war time discipline now that Naples is again under the Italian Government. (G. Romei)

UNITA' (Communist) - N.N.

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1. Austria sent the Allied powers a memo stating what steps Austria is willing to take in order to overcome Italy's unwillingness to renounce Alto Adige. Austria would even grant Italy a free port on the Danube, and would like a plebiscite to be held in Alto Adige, for, says the memo, a plebiscite would certainly be favourable to Austria. (REUTER from Vienna)

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3. A well known Russian political writer, speaking in English on radio Moscow, said that Italy's forces of liberation are attacked on all parts by Fascists, Monarchists and Separatists and what all of these people find in the Liberal party a means to carry on their intrigues. (A.P.)

4. De Gasperi received yesterday Sir Noel Charles and later on Bonomi.

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9. U.P. reports from Washington that the American Export Bank has decided to grant Italy a loan of 25 million dollars.

10. The Russian Govt has asked that Russia be granted a mandate on Tripolitania.

11. After yesterday's Council of Ministers was over, Scoccimarro and Corbino stated to the press that tobacco rationing will be abolished probably in a month or so, as soon as agreements between the Italian Govt and the Allied authorities on import of tobacco for which Italy will pay with other exports, particularly sulphur, are reached.

12. Epoca and Italia Nuova carry articles on the Slav invasion of the town of Trieste. The Yugoslavs work fast in demolishing

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Italian civilisation and they don't even try to hide what they are doing. It is also reported that about 30,000 Italian "slaves" have been deported from Venezia Giulia to work in Yugoslavia.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.D.

ESPRESSO (Independent)

1. Carlo Massabo describes the life in the Genoa harbour and reports on the unloading of stuff from the "liberty ships" and the leading of Italian teen-girls through the complicity of American servicemen.

2. Arnaldo Vacchieri reporting from the island of Liri describes the life of the inhabitants, denies the "great struggle" that some newspapers have related and complains on the lack of cigarettes on the whole island.

3. A.S. says that he has met in a Rome square a one-legged and "medaglia d'oro" ex POW who had just returned from a P.O.W. camp overseas, and had not even enough money to buy a glass of wine. The only assistance he got when he came back was 200 lire.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

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1. The Allies are still suspicious of us; this makes it particularly difficult to come to an agreement on peace. The Govt ought to have arranged a campaign to show that the mentality of the Italians has changed.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. F.P., writing on the economic situation of the State employees, wonders how this category of workers has not yet died from starvation.

2. The local Authorities will grant a reward of 30,000 lire to whoever will give useful information to find those lorries which, some days ago, carried a great deal of arms and ammunitions to Terni.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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3. B. publishes another article by Randolf Churchill on the Italian situation. Today, Mr. Churchill expresses his point of view on the Italian parties and especially on the Christian-Democrat, Communist and Uomo Qualunque parties.

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. G. Paoliace writes of the wonderful colonising work carried out by Italians in Lybia.

2. Antonino Repaci on independence of Magistracy.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. The Italian Senate is maintained in a position of suspens. what will ultimatly happen to it, nobody as yet knows, says Giorgio Tupini.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Globo reports that the Trieste docks have lost a contract they had with the Allied Authorities for transforming a certain ship into one for transport of troops, because, owing to repeated strikes and demonstrations on the part of the Italian workers, the work would not have been finished in time.

2. U. Papini writes on the agricultural work carried on by Italians in Eritrea.

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. Zingarelli answers Gonella's article (cf. Popolo, 1 Feb.): ever since the collapse of Fascism, the Italians have been doing nothing but blaming themselves and accusing themselves of the worst crimes. The Govt's lack of action is inadmissible; we might as well give Tito Venice too and agree that the Austrians take the Alto Adige.

MOMENTO

1. Considering the present internal situation and increased criminality, it is essential that the police forces be reorganized.

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2. Why doesn't our Govt allow the Italians residing in U.S.A. to send us coffee ?

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Austria claims she needs the fruit and vegetables from Alto Adige; we cannot give up the electric power plants built by Italian labour and Italian money. There has been too much talk of a Gross Deutschland, and now we cannot have a Gross Oesterreich. Besides we intend to give a wide administrative autonomy to the German speaking minority.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Bergamini's report on the sanitary conditions of the country; a great effort will be made to fight malaria, with the aid of the Rockfeller Foundation and of UNRRA.

TEMPO (Independent)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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1. De Leonardis complains on unemployment in Puglie, and says that there are large uncultived extensions and thousands of farm-hands without jobs.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Answering the question "Will the Italian State pay its debts?" B. Maineri says that if the Govt. does not recognise the War Loans and the Treasury Bonds it will cause the ruin of the greater part of the Italian citizens.

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2. R. reports on yesterday's meeting at Frosinone of the Labour Democrat Party.

3. Giovanni Mariotti writing on the State gambling houses of San Remo and Venice says that, well organized, this institution might become an excellent source of income for the Italian Treasury.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Prof. Benjami discloses that one hundred per cent of the inhabitants of Frosinone and Latina provinces are suffering from malaria and there are lots of cases of tuberculosis and venereal diseases registered in the great cities.

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7. In his last speech Tito stated that the new Yugoslav Govt. will do all it can in order to fulfill the claims of the nation. Italy in particular, added Tito, will figure among those nations from which Yugoslavia will claim reparations.

8. The ex Foreign Minister of Mussolini's republic, Filippo Anfuso, was arrested in France.

9. Brig Crapps, Allied Commander of the Naples zone, addressed to the local papers a letter in which, after having listed the relief which was sent to Torre Annunziata immediately after the explosion, he complains about the complete lack of organization of the Italian

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civilian authorities which are absolutely incapable of supplying the necessary things.

10. The new French Ambassador, Parodi, was yesterday received by De Gasperi; they discussed at length the question of Italian workers going to work in France.

11. De Gasperi received yesterday a delegation of the cinema workers.

12. Unemployed demonstrated yesterday in Milan.

13. The new president of the French Republic, Coutin, speaking about relations between France and other nations, referred to Italy as a friend and ally. (GRIFIS)

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2. Cotton acquired by Italy abroad must be paid for with export of textiles, say Globo.

3. Globo explained how the supply to the State Railways of 750 wagons fell through.

4. On new possibilities in the wool industry.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action) N.N.

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. Commenting on the loan which the Communist party intends to raise, I.S. asks whether little savings we have should be invested in pamphlets and propaganda or means of production.

MOMENTO

1. Our Govt. should agree to a temporary status not insist on having a peace treaty at once. Small powers often have to pay for the quarrels of big powers, and therefore, it is better for us not to do anything in a hurry.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The problem of emigration by Giulio Pastore.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The Yugoslav authorities are organizing demonstrations tending to prove that Zone B is enthusiastically accepting Tito's regime. Threats and violence are used to compel the population to send the children to Yugoslav schools.

TEMPO (Independent) N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Camera del Lavoro of Rome sent a letter to the President of the Council charging the Prefect with taking no action to suppress de luxe restaurants and urging him to organize the management of bakeries by commissioners to create restaurants for the workers and to obtain entries for the working classes.

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GENERAL

1. The well known painter and academician Ardengo Soffici has been denounced for collaborationism, reports ANSA.

2. New railway fares to be enforced starting on Thursday; they will be 5 times as high as the 1939 fares.

3. De Gasperi received yesterday in Palazzo Chigi, as Minister of Foreign affairs, the British, American, French and Russian ambassadors; he handed them a new memorandum stating Italy's point of view on the Alto Adige question, and asked them to communicate this memo very urgently to the deputy Foreign Ministers in London. (OBEIS)

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10. The press office of the Vatican announces that Pasquale dei Marchesi Diana was appointed Italian ambassador to the Vatican.

11. ANSA reports from Trieste that 15 young Italians of Istria, many of whom had participated in the clandestine struggle, have been murdered and thrown into a "foiba".

12. Parri denies having been appointed president of the I.R. 1130

13. O.N.A. reports that according to the Italian New York paper "La Parola", Italian anti-Fascists living in South Americans are displeased with the fact that the Italian Govt has drawn a commercial agreement with Spain.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE - N.N.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. L.B. comments on the Councils of Management: it is all very well for the manufacturer or manager to benefit by the suggestions of his staff when he drafts the program of the works; however he must have full freedom of action when he carries it out, for he has to run a risk of which he only will have to bear the consequences.

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2. Covolotto, speaking in Turin stated the ideology of the Labour Democrat Party and the necessity of a progressive democracy in spite of the differences of opinion which might hamper the common work.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. In a speech made in Genoa Nenni spoke about the social and economic problems of the moment, about the problems of peace and about the functions of the Italian Socialist party in the struggle for the Costituente and the Republic. Mentioning Italy's relations with the Allies he said that Italians must not think that the 13th of October 1943 - that is the declaration of war on Germany - can cancel Italy's declaration of war on the Allies in June 1940.

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2. Relating on the Uomo Qualunque congress in Bari, Ugo Zatterin defines Giannini's appearance on the scene for his first political speech, as "Giannini's debut as professional politician".

UOMO QUALUNQUE (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Buonsenso stresses the moral importance of the Bari meeting of the Uomo Qualunque.

2. Follows account of the meeting.

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. Commenting on economic nationalism, Frasmo says that we cannot expect to sell abroad what is convenient for us and refuse to buy what foreign countries would like to sell us. Economic nationalism creates more economic nationalisms.

MOMENTO - N.R.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Zanardelli protests because the Italians like to run themselves down; however he does exactly the same thing when he presents our foreign policy under a false light or gives a warning

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which is substantially similar to the order of the day of the Christian-Democrat party. (Guido Gonella)

REPUBBLICANO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Our Alp frontier hasn't been reached by a legitimate war of conquest, but it is the expression of a national right based on geography and history. The Austrian request is most serious, for it implies the relations of the Italian nation with Germanism. We cannot leave the door open to the Austrian vanguard of Germanism. The present Germany has been rendered harmless and Austria appears sincerely democratic but we cannot be sure about tomorrow.

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GENERAL

1. A passanger sea line between Costanza and Naples to be inaugurated shortly. (ANSA)

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12. Admiral Stone and De Gasperi, as well as other Allied and Italian personages, flew over Rome yesterday in one of the "Constellation" planes which will assure the New York-Rome air service in the near future.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Grandi reports on the conditions of the National Organization for Relief to Sick Workers.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.N.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. On the importance of the Alto Adige industrial plants in Italy's economic life.

2. The price of thirty lire per kilo which has been fixed for calcium citrate is only temporary, writes G.C. from Messina.

3. Sicilian railways need coal, says G.B.

4. Price of electric material is decreasing.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. I.L. publishes the 4 hours speech that Emilio Lussu made yesterday at the Action Party Congress in which, after having pointed out the position of the Party and the importance of its program, he said that "the Action Party will never accept to become the party of the Italian bourgeoisie".

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3. Rasino wonders what has happened to the Secretary of the Fasci Abroad and to all the documents concerning the Fascist activities of the Italians in the foreign countries.

4. Writing on the Italian Navy, its losses during the "foolish" war, its possibilities, its behaviour on armistice day, and on the honours and compliments that Mr. Churchill and Admiral Cunningham have bestowed upon it for its collaboration to the Allied victory, Mario Mazzucli says that though Italy may deserve to be punished by the Allies, the Italian Navy does not.

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TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Debate with the 'Quotidiano': it is impossible to be Italian, democratic and Christian without being strongly anti-Fascist. It would be easy to curb Fascist forces if there weren't so many people like the editor of the Quotidiano to protect and encourage them. (Felice Platone)

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10. The perforation of the tunnel under the Monte Bianco to start in May, it is reported from Genoa.

11. Discussion for the Italo-Swedish commercial agreement started yesterday.

12. Prices of water, gas and electric light to be increased as from the first of January, announced the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

13. It seems that the Russian embassy is trying to buy one of the Rome cinemas which would be used exclusively for Russian propaganda films. (I.N.)

14. ANSA reports from Rio De Janeiro that during a meeting at the Italian Embassy in that town Fiorello La Guardia stated that all the promises he made to Italy during his radio-speeches had previously been approved by Roosevelt. He also said that Italy has not lost the war, but was betrayed by one of her men who forced her into war.

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15. REUTER reports from Paris that the Italo-French commercial agreement will probably be signed either today or tomorrow.

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

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2. Quoting Di Vittorio's speech, Lavoro writes that 5 ½ million workers will defend the people's freedom against neo-Fascism and that their program is: improvement of the national production, rapid reconstruction of the country and union among all honest Italians.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.R.

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4. Commenting on Di Vittorio's statement that 5½ million workers will defend the Italian people's freedom, Buonsenso says that no one in Italy would ever try to attack the people's freedom because it is well known to everyone that the "formidable forces" of the Uomo Qualunque are now defending it.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Orlando Gusso reports from Pekin on the conditions of the Italians in China.

2. A.P. correspondent Luigi Dupi reports on Dino Grandi's life in Portugal and on the interview he had with the former Fascist Minister.

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GLOBO (Economic)

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2. The Yugoslavs deceive the Allied Commissions, according to the statement of a high ranking Croat officer, practically all the prisoners were locked up in the garret of the prison and left without food for twenty four hours while the Allied Commission visited the prisons and was favourably impressed by them.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

REPO (Independent)

1. The breaking of Italy's political unity would imply the collapse of our economy. Small States without raw materials couldn't interest the large economic and political units which are now being formed. (F. Nitti)

UNITA' (Communist)

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. 1200 Roman children have arrived in Modena. They will be the guests of the local population. (ORBIS)

2. Two Milan policemen have been arrested on charge of black-mail. (ANSA)

3. Six of the Senators recently discharged from their office will appeal for permission to resume their jobs.

4. The Ministry for Public Works has allotted 30 million lire for the reconstruction of Frascati.

5. Italy will buy 25 million dollars worth of cotton from the United States. (UP)

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19. Two daily trains will run between Rome and Turin, starting on the 15th.

20. 1300 Italian prisoners repatriated from Egypt, landed in Taranto.

21. The exchange rate of 225 lire per dollar will probably be applied to all commercial exchanges between Italy and the United State

22. Owing to controversies between La Malfa, representing the Rightist tendency of the Action party, and Lussu, representing the Leftist tendencies of the party, Lussu, La Malfa and Lombardi resigned yesterday from the Govt presenting their resignations to the Directing board of the Action party.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2. D.A. reports on the Procida prison where most of the gerarchi of the Fascist regime are imprisonned.

3. G.S.B. connects the arrival in Tirana of the Soviet Minister Ciuvakin with the beginning of the Albanese persecutions against all Italians living in Albania.

4. S.XX complains of the fact that the ammunitions that the Germans have left at Quadraro have not yet been removed and that the children of this district can be seen every day playing with war meterial and ammunition.

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5. S.XX continues its reports on the activity of the O.Z.N.A. (the Yugoslav Intelligence Service) in Italy and states that one Yugoslav agent is now working as a director in one of the main offices of U.N.R.R.A. and that 30 girls have recently arrived in Rome from Croatia to extend the activities of O.Z.N.A.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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2. Details on the agreement between Italy and the Import-Export-Bank for import of American cotton to Italy. 1120

3. Globo reproduces an article appearing in the Milan paper "La Liberta" on the necessity of strict coordination between finance and Treasury.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Italia Libera reports the speeches of Riccardo Lombardi,

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Parruccio Parri and T. Lussu during the National congress of the Action party. Lombardi criticizes L. Malfa for his position in the party and the Government, and accuses him of having neglected the North Italy problems, their importance, the union between South and North. Riccardi and La Malfa agree on the point that the State should be changed by changing the men of the directive class of the Nation. But the biggest mistake of La Malfa is in this, says Lombardi: He believes that the directive class is formed only by the Government personnel. In fact the "Sindacati, federazioni, political parties, the various C.L.Ns., all have to be renewed. Under these conditions we can remain in the Government. Parri says that the party cannot be a monopoly of this or that man. He joined the Government to maintain the unity of the C.L.N. He believes that all the leftist parties made a mistake in joining the Government. Coalitions cannot continue and foreign countries don't want to know and cannot exactly distinguish the faults and mistake of this or that party, but judge the country by the Government. Emilio Lussu, the leftist representative in the congress, affirms that it is not political sound for the party and the country to leave the Government.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) - N.N.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. To many people, the word autonomy implies sharing the benefits of the nation and having nothing to do whatever with its burdens. Sicily has been supplying the Italian administration with an enormous number of officials, and cannot expect to go on doing so if she becomes autonomous, i.e. practically separated from the life of the mainland. Now isn't the time to figure out wrongs and

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responsibilities. The North needs the South and the South cannot do without the North. (Nitti)

UNITA' (Communist)

1. p.t. regrets that the Action Party didn't chose to become the party which could unite such democratic forces whic for one reason or another cannot join the traditional mass parties.

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10. The majority of the delegates to the Congress of the Action Party have shown during last night's ballotting that they are favourable to the Left tendency.

11. Col. Norman Fiske of the A.C. was awarded yesterday, by the Luogotenente, the "Gran Cordone della Corona d'Italia". De Gasperi and Arpesani were present at the ceremony.

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INDIPENDENTE - N.N.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Giuseppe Di Vittorio says that "Qualunquismo" was set up for the interests of the Fascists, land-owners, monarchists.

2. A committee of State employees was received by Corbino to discuss the Christmas bonus.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.R.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat) - N.R.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Italians will probably be faced, when the time comes, with an electoral law presupposing a long democratic experience, well defined parties and a certain grade of political education enabling them to choose a program and a banner, and not a name or a face, says Mario Lupinacci.

2. M.A. reports from Imperia that the thousand Italians of the village of Isolabona stated a few days ago that they want to be annexed to France.

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1. If our President of the Council goes to London to defend our frontiers and essential requirements, he must ask for our merchant ships to be given back to us. We require a minimum of shipping if we are to start reconstructing the country.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. The younger generation is asking for peace and work, and also for the overthrowing of the monarchy, writes Lucio Lombardo Radice.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. I.L. publishes the speeches made yesterday at the last meeting of the Action Party Congress by Leo Valiani and Lussu, the letter that Ferruccio Parri sent to his comrades of the party and the program and basis of the Action Party.

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2. Writing on the inspection of the Special Allied Commission in Venezia Giulia, M.M. says: "Trieste is in a Slav dress but the Allies do not believe it".

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2. Writing on Dino Grandi, I. wonders what has become of his money and possessions.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.) N.N.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. At the Congress of the Action Party Lussu made a 5 hours speech, just to say that his party has no program, and in other words that it is not a party. In fact it has plenty of theories and no theory, several professors and few pupils, many chiefs and no followers. It lives in the past and gathers itself around mere memories. (Igino Giordani)

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO N.N.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. V.R., which on the occasion came out in a two-page edition, welcomes in its leader the 1,000 delegates to the National Congress, stressing the fact that it is being held on the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Rome (1849). "Republican Rome welcomes you" is its final slogan.

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2. The political report made by Randolfo Pacciardi to the Congress is given in full. The most important topics of the report are as follows:

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1. Anything which is going to be done to help our veterans will be welcomed by the Italian people. But we must understand that they will want to work and earn their living because our charity would offend them. (Carlo Sforza)

2. Reporting on the reasons why the coal of Poland is not arriving in Italy, Alceo Valcini says that the Czechoslovakian Government would not permit its transit, and that the Allied Authorities in Rome are raising some difficulties on this import traffic.

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GLOBO (Economist)

1. Globo says that 15 billion lire have been spent by the Ministry of Public Works for reconstruction of houses.

2. Article by G.B. on the disorganisation of tax collection.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Luigi Einaudi's article on our Western frontiers. The 1760 treaty which settled the frontier was also the beginning of a perpetual peace between France and Italy. It is in the interest of both countries not to reopen old quarrels. Discussions on territories of insignificant size would reopen old wounds.

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REPRO (Independent)

1. The present North and South movements are nothing but movements of dissolution which divide people and upset national and economic unity. To speak seriously about decentralization is useful. However one must be careful not to speak about autonomy rashly. If Italy intends to rehabilitate herself, separatist and autonomist movements must be considered with a justified suspicion. National economy requires first of all order and territorial unity.(F.Nitti)

UNITA' (Communist) N.N.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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4. The Italian Ambassador to the Holy See presented his credentials to the Pope this morning. His post has been vacant since the late months of 1943. 1114

5. Arturo Labriola made a speech at Naples under the auspices of the Democratic League for Liberty. He said that politics is the chief cause of our present misfortune, because by endangering capital's enterprise, it compelled labour to stay idle.

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14. Hearings on the electoral law were started yesterday at the "Consulta".

15. Patrissi stated to Orbis that he signed the "Reconstruction Pact", together with Bonomi and Giannini, on behalf of the "National Concentration of Liberal Democracy".

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

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2. Reporting on his tour of Italy's most important industrial towns, Nenni says that the working people do not want any delay in the summoning of the "Costituente".

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. The bureaucratic set-up **super** imposed on our foreign trade is the major obstacle to the resumption of our commercial exchanges.

2. Randolph Churchil writes on the difficulty of the Trieste problem.

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GIORNALE DEL LAZIO (Government) - N.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. 45 million lire have been allocated for repairing the Terni Railway Station.

2. The salt production of Cervia amounts to 35,000 tons.

3. The Government will grant 10 billion lire for the economic reconstruction of the country.

4. The Allied traffic in the Naples harbour is 90 per cent lower than last year and the Italian 300 per cent higher.

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Under the title "Which is the real Action Party", Popolo publishes Parri's statement . "we have decided to form a new party, follow me who thinks like I do" and comments of the forthcoming formation of the new Parri Party.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

Drug traffic is now flourishing in Rome. It takes place openly at Piazza Colonna, where it appears that business amounting to 30, 30,000,000 Lire is being transacted daily. The police seldom intervene.

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TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

Bonomi has a peculiar gift for compromises. After exhausting debates, he produces some formula which makes it possible to carry on for a while, though it does not solve any problem. One cannot govern a country in such a way in the long run. Bonomi's speech to the Labour Democrat Party is full of elastic formulae which should satisfy everyone. Bonomi's method is inadequate at the present moment and even dangerous, for he gives us the impression that the very substance of a democratic position and fight for democracy are disappearing under ready made sentences.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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10. The C.I.N. of Bolzano sent a letter to Romita protesting against the sad spectacle offered by the pornographic and immoral press.

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11. At the Republican Congress, Pacciardi made a report on foreign policy. He said that Italy's international situation is very difficult because she is still bound by the hard terms of the armistice and sees her colonies and even her very national territory endangered by the claims of foreign countries. Italy must keep her colonies, he said, because they represent the only place where our abundant manpower can freely emigrate. The majority of the Congress then voted for the adoption of the policy suggested by Randolfo Pacciardi.

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CAPITALE

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3. R. reports on the work of the National Council of the Labour-Democrat Youth Federation.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

Gino Visentini reports on the tragic situation of the workers of the large Italian Automobile Factories in Milan and Turin: now that these Companies are obliged to get rid of about 30 per cent of their workers.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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2. G.d.M. reports that tanks, planes and flame-throwers went into action in the fight against the Sicilian bandits.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. More Docks of the port of Naples have been turned back to the Italian authorities.

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2. A commission of French technicians will visit Milan and other towns to ascertain the potentiality of industrial production in Italy in connection with the resumption of exchanges between the two countries.

3. The American Government/has assigned more grain to UNRRA, part of which is destined for Italian relief.

4. Article by Paolo Bellari on the reasons which caused a decrease in the value of gold and foreign currency.

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LIBERA STAMPA - N.N.

MOMENTO

1. Giorgio Fano-Ltea writing on the importance of Culture in politics says that Culture should be an instrument at the service of Peace, and that peace cannot be secured if men are not better acquainted with each other. The future of the World will depend on what are the spiritual values people will respect and these are directly shaped by the degree and extent of culture in a people. It is essential for Europe if she is to retain her place as torch-bearer of civilisation in front of a rising Asia to breakthrough the wall of ignorance and make culture more easily obtainable for her population. In the specific case of Italy, and in view of her difficult conditions, it is more essential than ever that she relies on her spiritual treasures and recovers through them her grandeur and dignity".

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2. Ulio Martini writing on the situation in the Northern Italy stresses the damages that the lack of coal, electricity and raw materials cause to Italian industry and gives figures on the import of coal and its distribution.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - N.R.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

The Italian nation must confer on the new Costituente Assembly an authority which the Salerno decree cannot give it; nevertheless, the powers of the assembly must be carefully defined and limited. The assembly must be sovereign but within the limits of its powers; it is to give the country a new constitution within a certain period. The definition of the powers of the assembly must regulate its relations to the Government. (Guido Astuti)

TEMPO (Independent)

The Italians are willing to make the necessary efforts to rehabilitate the economy of the country. However, their initiative shouldn't be hampered by a lot of officials who do nothing but put spokes in the wheels. (Oreste Rosca)

UNITA' (Communist)

1. U. protests because the Italian Foreign Office didn't publish Russia's note of explanations on the meaning of the Moscow Conference regarding Italy. Why hasn't the note been used to bring to an end the anti-Soviet campaign. The interests of our country cannot be compromised any longer by the anti-Russian campaign.

2. Statement of the Communist party on the electoral law: The Communist party asks that the elections for the Costituente be no longer postponed. Such elections must take place freely, and the Government should take action against the anti-democratic activities of some officials in Southern Italy. The Communists also denounce the provocations and acts of violence systematically committed by some landowners. The Communist party is against submitting the institutional question to the referendum, for it considers this might lead the mere conflicts.

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GENERAL

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10. The congress of the "Uomo qualunque" party is to open on next Saturday at Rome University.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

Commenting on the meeting of share-holders of the Navigation Cy "Garibaldi", Guido Campaiolo laments the lack of interest shown by the Government of a country, bordered by sea, in its shipping problems.

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MORNING PAPERS (February 14th)

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. According to A., the monarchists, liberals and qualunquisti would be willing to take advantage of the crippling of the Action Party and provoke a new Government crisis, and are therefore making efforts to persuade the Christian-Democrats to join them. "It is our duty", says A., "to warn the Rightists that they are playing with fire". 1107

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2. Commenting on the Italian foreign policy, Eugenio Galvano says that we made a big mistake when we chose to play politics instead of sincerely appealing to the Allies for their impartiality and justice, and for the application of the principles expounded in the Atlantic charter.

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. B. publishes the 10th article by Randolph Churchill. This deals with the Trieste problem.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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2. I.L. quotes the comment of French News-paper "Populaire" on Anfuso's forthcoming trial in Paris, in which it says that if Anfuso had not gone to France, he would freely be, spending his days in one of his villas somewhere in Italy or would have disappeared like Roatta.

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3. Commenting on yesterday's meeting of the Consulta, I.I. says that Sforza's ball was sounding like a continuous "alarm".

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Most of our plants in the North have not been destroyed, and it is possible to rehabilitate peace time industry. However, managers and technicians are being sent away blindly, commissioners are installed for the sole purpose of finding jobs for people protected by the parties, managers are forbidden to discharge the workers so that this financial burden is borne by the firms. All kinds of changes are being made and tend to discourage people from investing money. We are supposed to make an effort for the rehabilitation of the country but manufacturers cannot be expected to make such an effort if they are bound hand and foot by regulations obliging them to wait for ruin. (Vincenzo Lucci)

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2. Ulio Martini, continuing his report on the situation in the Northern Italy, gives figures on the unemployed workers in each industry and stresses the sorry economic condition of the employed workers. 1106

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

R.I. comments on Bonomi's speech to the Labour Democrat Party. Besides the social communist group and the Christian Democrat party, we should have a party grouping all those whose aspirations are not satisfied by socialism, communism or Christian democracy. The 'alliance of the middle class forces' would answer a real requirement of the country.

TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

On the mainland, no one is bothering about Sardinia, no one thinks that there is a food problem to be solved and an economic policy to organize. Democratic Italy must give up the colonial policy she carried out in Sardinia. (Velio Spano)

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Giulio Raffaele writing on the health situation in Italy says that there is much work to be done by the Italian Ministry for the Public Health in bringing to its pre-war standard the health level of 45 million of inhabitants.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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1. Francesco Ferri comments on the results of the Congress of the Republican party. The popular forces want a republic for only if the monarchy is overthrown can they start to rehabilitate the institutions and economy of the country. The forces that support the monarchy consist mainly of former supporters of fascism and of landowners who are trying to save their estates. To keep the monarchy would mean civil war for it would be against the will of the working masses, the leftist parties and part of the rightists too. The conservative middle class had better think about that.

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3. Article dealing with the food situation in Naples.

4. Article on the potentiality of the Sicilian sulphur-mines.

5. G. reports on plans for Italian production of penicillin.

6. Details on the wine-stores organisation.

7. It seems that U.S. tobacco will be imported.

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<u>I.L.I. LIBERA.</u> (Action)

I.L. writing on the numerous requests for passports, comments on Edda Ciano's request to the Foreign Office for a passport to go abroad.

<u>ITALIA NUOVA</u> (Democrat)

1. Under the title "Delivery", Giuliano comments on the unhappy situation of the Italians who are living in Trieste and in Venezia Giulia.

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2. The Liberal group resolved to support compulsory voting. In his speech yesterday the Vice political secretary of C.L. party, Piccioni, referred the proportional system, and opposed any interference in the field of Religious activity, as permitted by art. 66.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Discussing the political aspect of "compulsory voting", Ben to Zoralli reviews the position in other countries, and says that, where measures have been taken, they proved effective, as shown by the high percentage of people voting.

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2. The "Consulta" will decide on "compulsory voting" today.

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9. The National Council for Research met yesterday. 1102 De Gasperi, Cattani, Corbino, Sforza, Fano, the American and Polish Ambassadors and the Ministers of Czechoslovakia and Ireland were present. The President of the Council, Prof. Colonnetti stressed the necessity for Government help to the universities, research institutes and experimental laboratories. De Gasperi assured him that, in spite of the difficulties now confronting the country, the Government will make strong efforts to help science and research activities.

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10. The first National meeting of tradesmen took place in Florence. Undersecretary Storoni said that, although the Ministry for Foreign Trade is a temporary organisation which will disappear as soon as possible, freedom of transaction and exchange cannot be granted at the moment owing to the present difficulties.

11. The Regional C.L.N. of Lombardy issued a statement according to which the representatives of the six parties in that region have agreed to respect the following pact: "1) The electoral campaign should be carried out with the utmost respect of the democratic freedoms of thought, press and persons. 2) To this end, the parties will direct their organisations and followers reciprocally to submit themselves to the rules of an absolutely loyal fight, and that in the event of incidents cause by the followers of one of the parties, which have signed the pact, the others pledge themselves to avoid any kind of revenge". It is expected that this statement will be also signed by the CLNs of all other regions.

12. The Consulta approved yesterday the adoption of the compulsory vote, and of the proportional voting system. Consultor Schiavi asked the Government, on behalf of the Socialist, Communist, Christian-Democrat, Liberal, and Labour-Democrat consultors, to prolong the session of the Consulta to the end of the month in order to allow a pronouncement on the powers of the Costituente to be made.

13. Yesterday's Council of Ministers decided on the calling up of men born in the last eight months of 1924. It also decided not to grant any authorization for the opening of gambling-houses. A law submitted by the Minister of Interior calling for the emergency enrolling of 15,000 people in the Police was approved.

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1. The appeal of Sig. Bonomi to the middle-class cannot leave Liberals indifferent, says Manlio Lupinacci, especially now that the nation seems to recoil from extremist formulae and to be awaiting a solution that only moderate parties united in a liberal front can offer.

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2. Ugo Giuffrè commenting on the use made of the word "Antinationalism" in the Congress of the Socialist party, acknowledges that there are no more nationalist pretentions to be displayed by a beaten and disarmed Italy, but, he says, that every honest Italian should react against foreign expansionism and internal autonomism.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.R.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Article by Italo Papini on the Italian colonization of Somaliland.

2. It is expected that Italy will produce 3 million quintals of sugar this year.

3. Imported wool is of a satisfactory quality, but its quantity is not sufficient for the requirements of our industry.

4. Details on exports of acid fruits to Great Britain.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Under the title: "A Fascist pact" Aldo Garosci bitterly comments on the union of the Uomo Qualunque Front and the Democratic Party, charging these two reactionary parties with wanting to rebuild the old Regime to the detriment of the Italian people and against the sacred principles of freedom.

2. The Unione Lombarda confirms its fidelity to the Action Party.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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Commenting on the approval of compulsory voting by the "Consulta Guido Gonella says that it is a victory for Democracy, and marks the end of the "liberty of not-caring". He wonders what will be the decision of the Government.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

Commenting on the communal elections, R.L. advises that these results should not be taken as a guide to the results of the forthcoming general election. The voters in the "comuni" very seldom bother with party considerations when they have to decide upon the best man to cure local ills.

TEMPO (Independent)

Commenting on the alliance between the front of the U.Q. and the Italian Democratic party, Aldo Aiboldi notes that the party of the U.Q. is born of a reaction of part of the middle class.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. In the alliance between Monarchists and "Qualunquisti" U. sees a manoeuvre by the former to collect votes, and says that, henceforth, no one will have doubts on the fact that "Qualunquismo" is a party of a Fascist type and inspiration.

2. U. gives the reasons why it is against compulsory voting. It calls a juridical monstrosity.

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2. Reporting on the speech made by Prof. Carena at the Italo-American congress for Agriculture held in Florence, Giovanni Pallastrelli hopes that experts of both countries will soon establish contacts, and he estimates that this collaboration will also be of benefit to America.

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2. Enrico Ferracini emphasizes the importance of foreign trade for Genoa, and stresses the rancors of the Genovesi against Rome and the incapacity of the Government to assist in a real resumption of the economic activity of their port.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

Commenting on unjustified rumors of a new Government crisis within the next week, Ignazio Silone says that politics, like religion, has always had its mysteries. Socialists will make strong efforts to uncover them and explain them to the country.

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3. F.R. Ratti defends the necessity of the compulsory vote.

4. An article by Vittorio Reguse lamenting the sad conditions of the Italians in Tunisia.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. In view of the present financial difficulties, G. Roehrsson advises that useless State offices be suppressed and a reduction of the personnel be effected in others. This, he says, would allow a substantial increase in salaries, would raise the standard of employees and subsequently enhance the prestige of the State.

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6. U.P. reports that seven Yugoslav divisions with more than 200 tanks have been concentrated on the Morgan line.

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5. Lizzadri, Mancinelli and Greco, members of the Directorate of the Socialist party will propose the National Congress which is to open in Florence on April 11th, to merge the party with the Communist.

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Commenting on the eventual postponing of Italian peace treaty R.L. says that, sometime in 1947, when all sad problems and injustice are only a memory for Europe, they will still be a reality for Italy. Tackling specifically the colonial problem R.L. foresees the fate of the Italian "coloni" who will have to return to their motherland much poorer than when they left her.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

Article by Leopoldo Piccardi opposing the compulsory vote.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. Italian property in Greece is only frozen and not confiscated.

2. Palermo and Messina industrialists give their point of view on the problem of the production of citric acid.

3. G. Forsees that leather and skin will soon be cheaper.

4. 170 million lire will be granted for the reconstruction of the Lucca-Gallicano railroad.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

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4. Abele suggests the use of a soporific bomb to fight the next war.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Commenting on the impending visit of the Allied Commission

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UNITA' (Communist)

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GLOBO (Economic)

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - N.N.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

Commenting on the U.N.S.E.A. (Ufficio Nazionale Statistico Economico dell'Agricoltura) and the budget of 120,000,000 lire for its functioning recently discussed at the Consulta, Filippo Paladore says that many heavy and costly institutions are added, in the field of the private economy, to those already established by the Fascism.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

Panfilo Gentile explains the success of the "Qualunquismo", by the errors committed by the extremist parties born of anti-fascism, but he refutes the claim by Giannini to be the only authentic liberal, and says that some characteristics of the qualunquismo make it necessary to regard the movement with suspicion.

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2. B. gives the articles of the constitution of the "Uomo Qualunque front" as a political party.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

Article by Carlo Sforza on the pornographic press.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Ricostruzione's special correspondent writes that the Yugoslav Authorities offer 20,000 lire or 20 Kilos of sugar to individuals who, during the visit of the Special Allied Commission, will adorn their windows with the Yugoslav flag.

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9. "The origin of all our present misfortunes, my dear friends, is one only: Following the victorious troops, like herds of hyenas and jackals, some renegades - with rare and noble exceptions - who for twenty years conspired for the ruin of the fatherland pretend to encamp on the common ruins, on the common mournings, on the miseries of everybody. This is why they stabbed our country with the sharp blades of vengeance and hatred". Against this statement made by Patrissi at the Congress of the "Uomo Qualunque" Front communist consultor Licausi, asked the President of the Consulta to expel Patrissi from that body. All other consultors joined him in this request. Minister Romita, on behalf of the Government, associated himself with the Consulta, pointed out that exiled Italians should be remembered with gratitute for all they had suffered for Italy and stated that the Government will investigate the case and take immediate action.

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GENERAL

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5. The explosion of a time-bomb caused much damage to the Florence office of the "Uomo Qualunque Front" and to the neighbouring buildings. No lives were lost.

6. Two Italian criminals of war have been sentenced to death by the Vercelli Assizes. (ANSA)

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press will be sent to the Consulta for approval. The Council the approved the appropriation on one billion lire to make available ... tonnage for the repatriation of the Italian POWs, and of an additional 25 million lire for the reconstruction of the Caserta Province. It seems that the Council has also decided to float a great "Reconstruction Loan" at 5%.

2. The first National Congress of the "Uomo Qualunque" Front opened yesterday at Rome University. Italian and foreign press-correspondents were present. Giannini made a financial report showing the nonsense of rumors claiming that the movement is being financed by people other than "qualunquisti". He then reviewed the problem of the organisation of the Front, confirmed that in his opinion the institutional problem is not an all important one, and said the he would welcome the forming of two or three big parties in Italy: Right Left and Center. Gen.Bonomivenga and consultor Patrissi then confirmed the adhesion of their followers to the Front.

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11. U. P. ,reporting from London on the drafting of the Italian peace-treaty, says that new difficulties arose when the " Deputies " started to debate on the size of the future Italian Army.

12. Minister of the Interior Romita sent instructions to all prefects to proceed on the epuration of the electoral lists with the utmost objectivity and impartiality. 1091

13. The Directorate of the Republican Party has confirmed Randolfo Pacciardi as Secretary General of the Party and Oliviero Zuccarini as Administrative Secretary.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Enzo Selvaggi commenting on Togliatti's statement that the Communist Party will withdraw from the Govt., and provoke a crisis if the decree for the compulsory vote is not listed, says that De Gasperi's Govt. discredits Italy abroad and confuses the Italian internal situation.

2. I.N. reports on yesterday's first congress of the U.Q. Front, and points out the U.Q. pledge to the Democratic party.

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2. U. wonders ... who is going to try Graziani.

3. A.Sicani in a special service from Cassino comments on the terrible conditions of the inhabitants.

GENERAL

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2. An article by Enrico Bensi on thereconstruction of the harbo of Livorno.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Commenting on the adoption of the "compulsory vote" V.R. wonders whether the Govt. is going to give final approval or not.

2. "Uomo Qualunque" has betrayed the "man in the street"says V.

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3. E. discloses that there were tons of potatoes in Rome which were not sold because the low market price could not give A.S.A. enough profit.

4. I.L. Complains on the lack of official communiques on the Venezia Giulia situation and says that the Italian Govt. and the Allied Authorities ought to disclose the exact situation in this grievance.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITAIL

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2. Giovanni Mariotti is alarmed by the immense crime wave which is sweeping Italy.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Registering Togliatti's disatisfaction with the approval of compulsory voting by the "Consulta", Manlio Lupinacci foresees an attempt by the communists to obtain amendments in private discussion as a price for their remaining in the Govt., but he does not see why the Prime Minister should support this.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. T.d.P. reports that a discussion on the problems of the "Fiat

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque) - N.N.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

Reporting that the Nations of South America have expressed their desire for a rapid conclusion of the peace-treaty with Italy, Mario Berlinger says that by so doing those nations have shown their friendship to Italy.

GLOBO (Economic)

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. The present Government is not strong enough to face elections, says L.S., and it seems possible that a new Government with Nitti as president will be formed.

2. L.S. reports that Arturo Toscanini will open the rebuilt "Scala" in Milan with a symphony concert.

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MOMENTO

1. Commenting on the loan that the State is going to float, Leo Levi says that it can be justified only if the money thus acquired will be used for the reconstruction of Italy and for the employment of many workers.

2. Patrissi has brought an action against "Avanti" for its comments on his speech.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

Giulio Pastore criticised the half hour strike declared by some workers in Florence protesting against the compulsory vote. He says that this system of striking for political reasons is unfair and must be abandoned.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (February 21st)

CAPITALE

C. reports on the pirate ships which after 150 years have resumed their activities in the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic seas and says that a few destroyers and torpedo boats could quickly liberate our seas from this new type of banditry.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

Commenting on the Qualunquist Congress, F. M. Crivelli says that it looks as if Fascism had come back to life. Giannini's party, he says, has shrewdly taken advantage of the mistakes of the anti-Fascists and of the weariness of a great part of the people, as the fascist party did in its time. The people must know what qualunquismo stands for and oppose this reaction which would again enslave the country.

ESPRESSO (Independent) - N.N.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA

Commenting on an article in the French newspaper "Le Monde" on the French territorial claims against Italy, T.B. says that it represents neither the exact sentiments of the French people nor their Government, and he reaffirms the determination of the new Italian democracy to defend its interests.

INDIPENDENTE

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EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

Commenting on the Qualunquist Congress, F. M. Crivelli says that it looks as if Fascism had come back to life. Giannini's party, he says, has shrewdly taken advantage of the mistakes of the anti-Fascists and of the weariness of a great part of the people, as the fascist party did in its time. The people must know what qualunquismo stands for and oppose this reaction which would again enslave the country.

ESPRESSO (Independent) - N.N.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA

Commenting on an article in the French newspaper "Le Monde" on the French territorial claims against Italy, T.B. says that it represents neither the exact sentiments of the French people nor their Government, and he reaffirms the determination of the new Italian democracy to defend its interests.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

S.XX reports a large part of the memorandum sent by Riccardo Zanella to the C.N.U. In it Zanella proposes the re-establishment of the Fiume Free State, of which he was President, as established by the Rapallo Treaty of 1921. He adds that if there must be a plebiscite it should only require the citizens to state whether they want to join Italy, Yugoslavia or have a Free State.

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LIBERA STAMPA

Commenting on information issued by the Associated Press P087
. Russian request that the Allied Commission confines its activities to Trieste and the localities included in Anglo-American-

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held areas, and the Anglo-American counter request which seems to cut down more Italian hopes, L.S. is indignant and regrets the weak attitude of the Government. The Istrian question, it says cannot be solved by successive renunciations, and Italy cannot surrender even before the discussion is started.

MOMENTO

1. In an article against qualunquismo M. says that Giannini is always contradicting himself.

2. Commenting on the initiative of some tradesmen in Milan, who have organized shops in which many important goods are sold at half price, M. wishes this could be extended to the rest of Italy.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - N.N.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Commenting on the adoption of the principle of the referendum R.L. says that it will be very useful to establish the limits of competency of the Costituente with sovereign powers.

2. Giovanni Enriques in a message says that in his opinion Italy does not have many sympathisers in England.

TEMPO (Independent)

T., which has started a campaign for an earlier repatriation of all Italian POWs, has received great support and publishes a letter by Luigi Gasparotto to the editor praising the effort.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Commenting on the U.S. position in regard to the "Costituente", "U" recalls the pro-monarchist attitude of Anglo-Saxons after the collapse of Fascism, and says that the position now taken by the State Department is a continuation of that policy. He explains how the American arguments lead to an absurdity on juridical grounds, while, politically, they would prolong a situation of which everybody wants to see the end.

2. On the occasion of the recent Communist Party regional meetings, Rina Picolato describes the charitable activity carried out by the Communist organizations in favour of needy people.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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6. Violent demonstrations, by the inhabitants of San Cataldo (Sicily) protesting against discrepancies in the issuing of bread and pasta rations, resulted in serious incidents.

7. Five bandits assaulted the guards of the "Ilva" works at Bolzaneto, Genova, and stole the workers-pay, which amounted to 5 million lire.

8. ANSA reports that Minister for Interior Romita has ordered the replacement of the prefects of Verona and Vicenza.

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9. Liberals and Christian-Democrats have left the C.L.N. of Trento province.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (February 22nd)

CAPITALE - N.R.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

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2. The Costituente will have to tackle the problem of re-education of state officials, who are completely indoctrinated with fascist propaganda.

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Know yourself is the prime slogan of Italy, says Enrico Torresco, and, in his opinion, consultation of the people on the future Costituente is the first expression of this self-knowledge.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

Monsigner Evasio Colli bishop of Parma, commenting on the attitude of the Church toward the elections says: "The clergy must not and cannot make propaganda for a political party but has the right and the duty to fight the political parties which attack Faith, the Church, the Pope and the Christian ethic". Then recalling the words of Marx: "Religion is the opium of the people", he says: "We are not attacking anyone; we are attacked and must defend ourselves".

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. M. wishes that, if the colonies cannot be given back at least the farmers ought be allowed to return to their homes.

2. R. criticises the claims made by the French Government on border zones.

3. C. Guidotti reports that Mr. G. Gentilezza has invented a device with which a station can telegraph two different messages at the same time to two different receivers set in series on the same wire. This will speed up greatly the sending of telegrams.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

Giannini, answering the criticisms of "Il Momento", says that it would be better to study the program of the U.Q. party instead of having academic discussions on the probable intentions of its followers.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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Arrigo Jacchia ironically comments on the fact that, although almost everybody seems to agree on the necessity for giving Italy a just peace, nothing practical is being done to speed up the drafting of the peace-treaty.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Italy needs 3,000,000 tons of liquid fuel per year.

2. A Federation of Transport Firms has been constituted.

3. Italy's Film production is improving: 54 films have been completed since the liberation of Rome.

4. A Bank Syndicate for short term loans is waiting the approval of the Treasury.

5. The olive oil production of this year has been unsatisfactory.

6. A unification of contributions for social insurance has been proposed by the Ministry of Labor.

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LIBERA STAMPA

L.S. records the declarations made by De Gasperi, after yesterday's discussion of the Cabinet Council on the difficulties presented by the problem of the Costituente, his hopes that the conflict around the referendum will soon be settled, and the determination of the Government to hold the election.

MINUTO - N.N.

MOMENTO - N.N.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - N.N.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. publishes an article by Luigi Einaudi on the State revenue and on the increase of property values.

2. R.L. comments on De Gasperi's statement yesterday at the meeting of the ministers representing the political parties and on the American note of 25/6/44 concerning the legislative decree.

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GENERAL

1. U.P. reports from London that there is little hope that Italy will regain possession of her 300,000-ton merchant fleet upon discontinuance of the shipping pool. After March 2nd, the Italian liners will remain at the disposal of the British Ministry of Transport, and a final decision on their fate will be taken at the Peace Conference.

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10. In an interview with a Greek journalist, Alcide De Gasperi stated that if one cancels out the recent past, which the Italian Government deeply deplores, there is no conflict of interests between Italy and Greece.

11. Quiet prevailed at the Consulta when the amendment concerning penalties for those who abstain from voting was approved. Then, after a speech by Nitti opposing the law as being anti-liberal, the Consulta approved the whole law, 178 to 84. President Count Sforza announced that the session was adjourned until March 4th.

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13. The Inner Cabinet concluded its sessions on Friday and will meet again Tuesday. In the meanwhile the six parties are carrying on discussion on the problems involved by the convening of the Costituente. There appears some sort of an agreement on the following points:

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2) Duration of the Constituent Assembly.
The Liberals say not over six months, the leftists ask for not less then one year, and the Christian Democrats suggest 10 months. If this proposal be accepted and if the Costituente start its work next July, the institutional problem may not reach solution until April, 1947.

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In view of the possibility that a referendum be held at the same time as the political election, a special commission consisting of the Chief of Police, the Commander of the Royal Carabinieri, the Commander of the Guardia di Finanza and of representatives of the service ministries held a meeting yesterday at the Viminale Palace under the presidency of Undersecretary Spataro on steps to be taken to ensure public order. It is expected that 70,000 carabinieri will be on duty, besides other Army and Police Forces.

AFTERNOON PAPERS (February 23)

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1. Emilio Nasalli Rocca says that only with Christian principles and the ideals of the Risorgimento can the Italian people be able to choose their lasting institutions.

2. Answering an article in "Avanti", Nemeno delli Castelli says that the priests do not fight against political conceptions but only defend their Catholic Faith.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour-Democrat)

1. Togo Bozzi would like the Socialist Party to be a true

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democratic movement which could give service to the immense and unused forces of the laborers-intellectual and manual.

2. Giovanni Bucci reports that Florence is slowly returning to its pre-war aspect with the reappearance of monuments.

SECOLO XX (Indipendent Rightist)

1. Manlio Lupinacci criticises the ambiguous policy of the Christian-Democrat Party and says that the approval of the Art.66 should be a lesson showing the weakness of the "mesalliance" with the leftist Parties.

2. An article by C.C. on previous Costituenti in Italy.

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2. The sad history of Italian emigration clearly warns us that the protection of the material and moral interests of our emigrants cannot be entrusted to loose agreements between syndical organisations or between our Government and other Governments only, but to precise international agreements among international organisations capable of making everybody respect such agreements. (Ezio Vallani)

3. The Deputy High Commissioner for Food, L.R. Sansone, points out that of the 2,600 calories per person required in a daily diet only 650 are now available in Italy, and supports a stricter rationing of food-stuffs against the suggested free-market.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Commenting on the speech made by the Pope on occasion of the Consistory, B. says that the current puntiff is the greatest one of modern times and that Catholic ideals represent the continuous improvement of our civilisation.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Statistical study by Ivanoe Bonomi on the probable percentage of electors who will actually vote.

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2. Cassandrino, commenting on the future of the Italian colonies, says that Italy would not mind if the Allies take them all away, provided that, (according to the Atlantic Charter's principles of every country having a right to live), they give Madagascar or Borneo in exchange.

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MOMENTO

1. Commenting on the Qualunquist idea that "Fascists and anti-Fascists are both guilty and responsible for the ruin of the country",

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Momento longthily attacks Giannini and the Uomo Qualunque Front saying that Qualunquisti are Fascists because they defend the principles of Fascism and try to discredit anti-Fascists.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) N.M.

RISORGIMENTO Liberale (Liberal)

1. Commenting on the Russian claims on the Italian North African colonies and the British and French opposition to them, Agostino Novi, quoting an article from "The Times", says that Tripolitania and Cyrenaica are to Italy what Algeria is to France, that is an integral part of the metropolitan territory that Italy has colonized, in which area live about 300,000 Italians who built roads, hospitals, schools and towns.

TEMPO (Independent) N.M.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Raffaele di Grada recalls that to-day is the first anniversary of the murder of the Communist newspaperman Eugenio Curiel by the Naxi-Fascists in Milan

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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6. ANSA reports the following editorial of the "Sunday Times" on the visit paid by Admiral Stone to London: "The Admiral came to ask for a prompt and constructive peace for Italy. He gave a precise and accurate picture of the pro-British feeling of the Italians and of the valuable services given to the Allies after the Armistice by the Italian Fleet, Army, and Air Forces. The Admiral praised the deeds of Italian patriots behind the German lines, and pointed out that Italy was the only nation which sent partisan-battalions against the Germans". 1[illegible]

7. The Italian press gives much prominence to an editorial in the "Observer" which says: "It is feared that Yugoslavs are considering the possibility of military operations against Trieste, on the pretext of provocations by Polish troops".

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8. In connection with the work of the Inner Cabinet, De Gasperi yesterday had conversations with Orlando, Bonomi, Brosio, Togliatti, Nitti, Bacciardi, Lucifero and Nenni. Rumors developing from this, said that De Gasperi intends to have the parties not in the Government taking part in the decisions on the Costituente, or else in view of the political elections, he intends broadening the Government. If this occurs, it is said, De Gasperi would resign from the post of Prime Minister and keep only that of Minister for Foreign Affairs. It also seems that the British Government would favour a solution of the institutional question by means of a referendum prior, simultaneously with, or after the Costituente.

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1. stresses that the priests have right to make propaganda in favor of the Party which follows the basic principles of Catholicism.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Writing on an interview with Benedetto Croce many years ago, Panfilo Gentile says that those who pretend to find a conflict between Croce the philosopher and Croce the anti-fascist have never understood the philosophy of Croce which is as remote from Jacobine romanticism as from Nazi-Fascist fanaticism.

2. Commenting on a journey in the Senio valley, A.A. wonders how long the nightmare of the german mines scattered over the Italian fields will last.

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GLOBO (Economic)

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2. Details of the functions of the expected new agency for foreign-trade.

3. Details of the debit-credit situation between Italy and the Anglo-Americans.

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4. Figures on the production of dyes.

5. 32,000 quintals of sodium nitrate arrived in Leghorn.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Sandro di Feo pays a tribute to Benedetto Croce and says that this generation is greatly indebted to him for his teachings.

2. "R.L." prints in full a letter by Palmiro Togliatti in which he regrets the ease with which Italians are shocked by whatever happens in their country.

3. In an interview with the "R.L.", Minister of the Interior Romita pointed out the political and technical aspects of the public order-problem in connection with the elections, and gave particulars of the Govt's program of reorganisation of the police force and the steps taken to fight banditry.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Commenting on Sig. Nitti's proposal to return to the old 1919 electoral system, "T" sadly admits that it would be a minor evil compared with the present chaotic bill prepared by the Consulta

2. Vero Roberto stresses the responsibility of the Government for the present economic situation of Sicily and says that the political separatism is only a result of the economic difficulties of the Island.

UNITA'

Commenting on the "Referendum" which will no doubt mark the triumph of the Republic, Ottavio Pastore says that in this case steps should be taken to prevent Monarchy from sabotaging the work of the Republican Costituente.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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3. Radio Belgrade broadcast that General Mario Roatta, the former chief of staff of the Italian Army who was sentenced to life imprisonment by an Italian Tribunal on the charge of "Fascist" crimes, is hiding in Italy among the Polish troops of General Anders. (AP)

4. The latest statistics of the Brasilian Government show that 380,000 Italian citizens are living in that country.

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c) If the vote favours the Republic, the new Prime Minister will also act as of Head of the State and President of the Republic, for the duration of the Costituente.

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3. "I" prints a statement by Secretary general of the C.G.I.L. Oreste Lizzadri on the bonus question, the reasons why the C.G.I.L. did not use the general strike as a means to obtain it from the State, and what the C.G.I.L. has done about this delicate question.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

Quotidiano publishes the telegram that the Bishop of Rieti sent to the President of the Consulta in which, recalling the sacrifices of the Italian Clergy during this war and the assistance rendered to the partisans in spite of the Nazi-Fascist threats, he says that he and the Rieti Clergy protest against the passing of the "injurious and unjust" Article 66 and declares that, as in the past, the Clergy is ready to obey God rather than men and face imprisonment if it can help to save Italy and the Catholic Faith.

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2. Buonsenso does not take part in discussion on the electoral law, the institutional problem and the like, because in respect of the electoral law the U.Q. is so strong that it can successfully compete on any matter with its enemies, while it is ready to accept the decision of the majority of the people on the institutional question.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.N.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. The railroad between Sarzana and Pontremoli has been reopened.

2. A commission representing French industrialists arrived yesterday in Milan.

3. ANSA foresees that this years's corn crop will amount to 5.6 million tons, which is 1.4 million, tons more than last year.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Commenting on Selvaggi's speech, G. Tell writes on the alliance with the Uomo Qualunque and recalls the well known proverb: "God makes them and then matches them".

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Momento longthily comments on Giannini's position vis-a-vis the leftist Parties and especially on his attitude towards the leaders of these parties.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) 1676

1. G.F.C., commenting on the international merchant shipping problem, says that it is vital for Italy to get back her merchant ships.

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2. More than half a million Romans yesterday signed the "referendum against immorality" which was then presented to the Government.

3. Carmelo Porotti foresees that the cost of living will overrun salaries within the next three months.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

Mario Ferrara wonders how the actual provisional regime of Italy managed to last so long without giving rise to major crises, and says that no evil should be spoken of it, but that, it must disappear with the conditions which have created it. It is high time to prepare for the elections, he says, and he hopes that the electoral law will meet no further difficulties at the Council of Ministers, and that election will take place before the Summer.

TEMPO (Independent)

"T" quotes an article by Sylvia Sprigge on the Julian question, in which she recalls the Yugoslav attitude after the Morgan-Jovanovic agreement, and points out the gravity of the problem and the Allied responsibility for preserving European peace.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Commenting on the creation of management-boards in many firms, and the efforts by industrialists to limit their powers, Luigi Lungo says that the workers will keep on fighting until they obtain power and parity of votes on the boards.

2. "U" prints a statement by Palmiro Togliatti on the Communist position on questions recently discussed by the Cabinet-Council.

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GENERAL

1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS met twice yesterday to put into a draft law the agreement reached by the six parties at the sessions of the Inner Cabinet. After a report by De Gasperi, explaining terms and meaning of the agreement, the discussion on on the institutional referendum was started. Action Party Minister Cianca pointed out that the six parties had agreed on the referendum only as a political need and not as a matter of principle, and declared that the Action party could withdraw its reservation on this point only if it obtained specific guarantees that the electors be free from any monarchist tie. Such guarantees could be achieved through freedom from any oath of fidelity to the Monarchy, through an explicit pledge by all hierarchies of the State to respect the outcome of the referendum and, if possible, through a public statement made by the Luogotenenza itself that it would respect the voice of popular opinion. Otherwise, added Cianca, the Action party would be compelled to resign from the Government. The Socialist and Communist Ministers associated themselves with Cianca in making the above request. The Council then turned to discuss the draft on the Costituente prepared by De Gasperi, which consists of 9 articles as follows: a) The Costituente will meet in Rome 15 days after the publication of the results of the election. b) Simultaneously with the elections to the Costituente, the people will be called to decide on the institutional question by means of a referendum, asking: "Do you want a Republic to be established?". c) Technical regulations on the referendum. d) A majority of 50 per cent, plus one vote, will suffice to decide the referendum. The Costituente, in its first session, will appoint the interim Head of the State. Before this appointment takes place, the Prime Minister in office at the time of the elections will act as Head of the State. The Costituente will delegate to the Government the Legislative power, with exception of laws concerning international treaties and electoral matters. The Government will be responsible to the Costituent Assembly. The rejection by the Costituente of a Governmental law does not imply the resignation of the Government. e) If the majority of the electors answer "no" to the question of the

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After discussing the first eight articles, the Council adjourned. The majority of the Council was against a referendum on the powers of the Costituente, but the Liberals made a reservation on this point as they believe that the law should be approved by the electors. The Council also discussed the electoral law, particularly the compulsory voting and article 66, without taking any decision on the matter. At the end of the meeting the Council issued a communiqué stating that the principal points of the law on the Costituente had been approved. The Council also approved: a) Authority for the President of the Council to adopt "summer time". b) The appointment of a Commissioner for electric power in Southern Italy. c) The appropriation of 8 billion lire for public works, in addition to the 37 billion lire already allotted for this purpose, and the appropriation of 2 billion lire for repairing damaged popular houses.

The Council will meet again today.

2. During his forthcoming tour of Northern Italy, Minister Corbino will address the industrialists of Como.

3. The Minister of Treasury announced that, in the month of January, the State budget had an income of 13,047 million lire.

4. The Barcelona-Genoa shipping route has been reopened.

5. The Italian Government has asked the Argentine to substitute the 100,000 quintals of wheat which she presented Italy with with a similar amount of corn now stored in the Argentine docks

6. An official spokesman of the U.S. Government declared that American troops will remain in Venezia Giulia at least until the Italian peace treaty is ratified.

7. The American War Surplus Commission stated that the Italian Government has undertaken to buy all the American war surplus material existing in Italy. For this purpose the Italian Government has started negotiations for a 60 million dollar loan.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (February 27th)

CAPITALE - N.N.

EPOCA (Independent Leftist)

1. Leonida Repaci would have liked a bloody revolution to solve the institutional problem in Italy, and foreseeing the possibility of a republic elected by Christian Democrats and qualunquisti he says that it will be a weak, bourgeoise republic and not the strong and frankly socialist republic that the people want.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Achille Saitta bemoans England's cold attitude towards our country and recalls that Italy, because of her geographical position, is an advance guard against the Slav tide which menaces Europe. He adds that the Italian market, though poor, is one of the largest in Europe and therefore it would not be good business to let it fall under the influence of other powers.

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2. Commenting on the abolition of gambling houses, R., although agreeing on the correctness of the action, remarks that they could furnish a good income to the exhausted Treasury.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Commenting on the referendum, Manlio Lupinacci says that the moderate parties must be fully aware that the institutional problem is tied up with its result. He points out the danger of a republic and affirms the determination of the liberal rightists to oppose it in the referendum, and to do everything to gain the country's support.

2. S.XX gives particulars of the underground activity of pro-Yugoslav communist organisations in Italy.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. The paper expresses its satisfaction on the agreement reached by the parties and especially on that between the communists and the liberals.

2. A radio-comment from London states that it is not true that the Italian Government considers with disfavour the return of prisoners.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Commenting on the recent agreement on the institutional problem arrived at by the Inner Cabinet, Randolfo Pacciardi explains the reasons why the Monarchy has a greater chance of success. He says that a referendum in the presence of the Monarchy will be equivalent to a plebiscite. He points out that the republican counter-project backed by Parri and La Malfa would have given the country a greater guarantee, but there are no signs that De Gasperi has so far raised this with the Inner Cabinet.

2. According to ANSA the agricultural workers of Brindisi have demonstrated against the new arrival of cheap labour from Lecce.

MORNING PAPERS (February 28th)

AVANTI (Socialist)

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1. Commenting on the referendum, Manlio Lupinacci says that the moderate parties must be fully aware that the institutional problem is tied up with its result. He points out the danger of a republic and affirms the determination of the liberal rightists to oppose it in the referendum, and to do everything to gain the country's support.

2. S.XX gives particulars of the underground activity of pro-Yugoslav communist organisations in Italy.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. The paper expresses its satisfaction on the agreement reached by the parties and especially on that between the communists and the liberals.

2. A radio-comment from London states that it is not true that the Italian Government considers with disfavour the return of prisoners.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Commenting on the recent agreement on the institutional problem arrived at by the Inner Cabinet, Randolfo Pacciardi explains the reasons why the Monarchy has a greater chance of success. He says that a referendum in the presence of the Monarchy will be equivalent to a plebiscite. He points out that the Republican counter-project backed by Parri and La Malfa would have given the country a greater guarantee, but there are no signs that De Gasperi has so far raised this with the Inner Cabinet.

2. According to AFSA the agricultural workers of Brindisi have demonstrated against the new arrival of cheap labour from Lecce.

MORNING NEWS (February 28th)

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1. Achille Corona thinks that the Monarchy is trying to save from the epurators as many Senators as it can in order to maintain the required number for a legal meeting, and have the Senate ready for use. But the Costituente will abolish the Senate and all hopes of the Monarchy will die with it, he says.

2. Give each man his own home and the greater part of world's evils, including war and the atomic bomb, will perish. (Leonardo Sinigalli)

3. Romolo Margione interviewed Minister Barbareschi on the problems of Italian emigration. South America will take the greater part, as soon as transport facilities are available, said the Minister.

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4. Manlio Fancelli reports that a public debate will be held in the Consulta shortly on the advantages of school professors and directors not being subject to dismissal or transfer.

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Replying to Udeo de Udeis, G. says that too many mistakes have been made by the present Government and that it is unjust that some people, who have been abroad during the Fascist regime, presume to have right to govern. G. also stresses that the "Uomo Qualunque" is indifferent about the King and in general does not care who governs but only how it is done.

2. Commenting on Bevin's speech in the Commons, B. appreciates the interest taken by the English people in the Italian question, but adds that it would welcome greater precision on the peace terms and especially on the disputed border zones. It agrees with Bevin that economic aspect of the problem must always be kept in mind and concludes by wishing for a greater collaboration among the European States, the only way to the formation of the United States of Europe.

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2. E. Selvaggi, replying to G. Tell of "Italia Libera", says that the alliance with the Uomo Qualunque has been made for community of ideals while the split in the Action Party has shown the confusion of its program.

LIBERA STAMPA.

L.S. reports on the agreement on the institutional question reached in the Council of Ministers, and on various decisions taken by the Council at yesterday's meeting in the Viminale.

MINUTO - N.N.

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