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Before adjourning, all the Ministers solemnly pledged themselves to see to it that their parties:

a) Respect the laws on the electoral campaign and the Costituente when carrying on their political activities;

b) Conduct their electoral campaign in such a manner as to guarantee that the elections be held in an atmosphere of absolute freedom;

c) Insist on having everybody vote, so that, through the afflux of all citizens to the polls, the outcome of the referendum and of the elections will truly voice the real will of the people.

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2. The Deputy Foreign Ministers have issued their first official communiqué in London yesterday, stating that they have appointed a committee of experts entrusted to prepare a report and make proposals for the drawing of the Italian-Yugoslav frontier which is to be an ethnic line, leaving the least possible number of persons in foreign territory. In accomplishing its task, the committee will have to take into consideration the economic and geographic characteristics of the zones to be studied. The deputies have also entrusted to the committee for study the documents concerning the border question which were submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers by the Governments of Italy and Yugoslavia, and by the Governments of other United Nations. The committee will proceed immediately to the disputed zone. Upon termination of its work there, the committee will return to London where it will prepare a final report and its proposals to be submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers. The Committee of experts will arrive shortly in Trieste and will consist of French, Russian, British and American representatives.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Renzo Petri is disgusted by some pro-Tito Italian papers of the Julian region. He says that they are more offensive than any Slav papers.

2. Gustavo Ingrosso recalls that with the declaration of co-belligerence, the United Nations guaranteed the right of the Italian people to choose freely their own Government.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

Provocation by Tito's supporters and aggressions against Italian students in Trieste.

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. T.d.P. expresses its satisfaction at the agreement made by all the parties, and stresses the historical importance of the recent debate at the council of ministers.

2. In a message from New-York to the Italian people an Italo-American newspaper-man has stated that the Allied Commission will not allow itself to be impressed by Yugoslav propaganda.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Scrutator rejoices in the triumph of the Italian Democratic party on the referendum and he insists on the necessity for it to decide also on the Costituente's powers. He concludes by saying that, whatever the result of the referendum, it must not set the parties against each other, but must mark the reconciliation of Italians.

LIBERA STAMPA

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. says that the conclusion of the agreement on the electoral law shows the complete political maturity of our Party leaders.

2. Commenting on the proposed periodical tax on interest on savings Luigi Einaudi criticises it as unjust and a burden on the thrifty.

TEMPO

T. Hails the adoption of the institutional referendum.

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UNITÀ' (Communist)

1. U. discusses the veteran employment problem and says that it must be solved quickly.

2. U. reports on a meeting of the Communist Party Direction. Several important social questions have been discussed and instructions on the electoral campaign have been issued.

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The formula of the referendum on the institutional problem has been fixed with the question: "Republic or Monarchy?". The Council then turned to the electoral law and discussed the size of electoral colleges. The Labour-Democrats wanted them to be small, while the Communists took a stand for large colleges. The Council resolved to follow the proposals of the Interministerial Commission, and drafted the list of colleges, which are 31 and will elect 573 members to the Costituente. The Council also entrusted Minister Romita to study the question of how surplus votes should be utilised

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A draft law, submitted by Gasparotto, Minister for Post-War Relief, aiming at giving authority to the prefects to increase by 10 per cent the number of veterans to be employed by private concerns; and the retirement of a certain number of state officials belonging to the first five grades were approved.

9. ORBIS reports that the Police have discovered, at Imperia, a clandestine factory manufacturing American cigarettes. Over 2 million cigarettes, 180 quintals of tobacco and 200 electrically operated cutting-machines were seized.

10. The Palermo Radio Station was attacked again by Sicilian bandits. Italian Army units equipped with tanks and artillery went into action against them.

11. Yesterday two hand-grenades were thrown against the Catania office of the Italian Republican Party.

12. That part of the Socialist Party which is led by Pertini and Silone has made it clear that it will vote against the proposed Socialist-Communist merger.

13. Six American ships loaded with grain for different countries were ordered by the U.S. Agricultural Department to sail to Italian ports in order to ease the tragic food situation in Italy. (U.P.)

14. The Chief of the Yugoslav Delegation to Italy stated that the Italian POW now in Yugoslavia will be repatriated soon after the signature of the peace-treaty.

15. The Allied Commission will carry on investigations in the entire region of Venezia Giulia including Fiume and excluding Zara and the islands. (U.P.)

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 1st)

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1. It is false, says Mario Cevolotto, that when the civilian aviation, now forbidden by the armistice terms, resumes operation that it will be under control of the Italian Air force. The military authorities are preparing a plan of operation for this service

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in preparation only for the possible eventuality of civil aviation being nationalized.

2. Giovanni Balma defends the formation of a free State as a solution to the Fiume question.

3. Paolo Businari reporting that Hungary has laid claim to Fiume, suggests that it is a move organized by Russia.

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2. Criticising the demonstrations of the National Congress of Italians in Africa, Franco Lombardi says that we must avoid falling back into nationalism.

3. The Council of Ministers has reaffirmed the people's right to choose its institutions, in spite of the obscure manoeuvres of the rightists and the Monarchy to prevent this, says A.C.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Giannini, replying to Udeo de Udeis, invites him to discuss the "Uomo Qualunque" program seriously instead of writing personal insults.

2. Writing on the work of the Investigating Commission in Venezia Giulia, B. hopes that it is not bound by some secret promise to Russia.

3. "Unità" thinks it sufficient to speak of the veteran employment problem, says B., but words are not enough, something must be done.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Arrigo Jacchia writes on the opening of the work of the investigating Commission for Venezia Giulia and gives some suggestions for investigation. He, mainly, stresses the need to be on guard against eventual direct or indirect influences.

2. Ruggero Orlando, in a message from London reports that the deputies have started the discussion on the question of the Alto Adige.

3. Giulio Canali reports that a large number of Italian refugees are, wherever possible, crossing the Morgan line.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. A. Oddi Baglioni, praising the idea of a free international market, remarks that we are still far from it.

2 A plan for the distribution of U.N.R.R.A. raw materials is being studied.

3. All Naples docks, except three, have been given back to the Italian Government.

4. The block on the production of the raw sulphur hinders the industrial activity of Sicily.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Arrigo Jacchia writes on the opening of the work of the investigating Commission for Venezia Giulia and gives some suggestions for investigation. He, mainly, stresses the need to be on guard against eventual direct or indirect influences.

2. Ruggero Orlando, in a message from London reports that the deputies have started the discussion on the question of the Alto Adige.

3. Giulio Canali reports that a large number of Italian refugees are, wherever possible, crossing the Morgan line.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. A. Oddi Baglioni, praising the idea of a free international market, remarks that we are still far from it.

2. A plan for the distribution of U.N.R.R.A. raw materials is being studied.

3. All Naples docks, except three, have been given back to the Italian Government.

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1. Writing on Parry's intention to remain friendly with the Action Party, and on the order contained in the first instruction issued by Parri's party to encourage mass recruiting, I.L. says that it is a long way from intention to reality, and that, unfortunately, only facts are important in politics.

2. Replying to an afternoon paper, G. Tel says that if it is offended by the name "Fascist", he will call it, from now on, "Qualunquista".

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

Vincenzo Lucci commenting on the end of the "Allied Pool" asks what will become the 250,000 tons of Italian shipping now under United Maritime Authority Control. These, he says, are more needed by Italy than by the Allies who have at their disposal 42 million tons of American Shipping.

LIBERA STAMPA

On the occasion of the Pope's 70th birthday, L.S. pays a tribute to the life and work of the Puntiff.

MINUTO

Commenting on an official statement on the American proposal for an amendment of the Italian armistice conditions, Filalete is doubtful as to the results.

MOMENTO

1. Mario Testi on the Venezia Giulia problem says that although Russia is not directly involved, Tito's attitude will be determined by the extent of Russia's support.

2. Curatolo gives a picture of the life in Trieste.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) - N.N.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

Mario Ferrara attacks those who charge the Government with acting illegally, and the Consulta with being a copy of the "Camera dei Fasci e Corporazioni".

TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

The Association of the Italian Film Industrialists yesterday pointed out the great financial losses that the large-scale importation of American films causes to the Italian industry and protested against the fact that these films are now released throughout Italy by American firms and not, as before the war, by Italian companies.

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GENERAL

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5. Randolfo Pacciardi, leader of the Republican Party, will address the inhabitants of Formia and Nettuno today.

6. The news concerning the concession on Italian telephone lines to a U.S. concern was not welcomed in British circles, ORBIS reports. On the Italian side it is pointed out that the best bid was accepted and that the U.S. concern is associated with a British firm.

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7. It is rumored that Enzo Storoni, Undersecretary for Foreign Trade, will resign on account of differences with his Minister.(ORBIS)

8. A Delegation of the Swe-dish ship-yards will arrive in Italy in order to study the possibility of having Italian ship-yards help to meet the great demand from Norway and other countries for new ships. (Economond)

9. Before embarking on the plane which will take him to Rome, Luis Monsante, new Minister of Venezuela to Italy, declared in New York yesterday that he expects that very friendly relations will be established between the two countries. Venezuela, he said, intends to export coffee, cocoa, high quality timber and colonial products to Italy.

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2. Guido de Ruggiero, writing on Republican Democrats, says that it will be the Party of all the republicans who do not want a socialist republic.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. S.Federici says that the U.S., is too much interested in the Far East, and is leaving Russia free to act in Europe.

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2. I. Giordani criticises the Art. 66 of the electoral law.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA

1. E. Lodolini criticises the C.G.I.L. policy which does not satisfy the fair requests of the State employees.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Lavoro complains that the Italian Military Board of Censorship is still operating in spite of the end of the war.

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GLOBO (Economic)

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2. A crop of 60 million quintals of wheat is expected.

3. 60 thousand tons of Polish coal will shortly begin to arrive in Italy monthly.

4. Minister Gronchi declares that three principal problems connected with the distribution of raw materials and industrial products are : a) whether the State must control industrial products b) if the State Offices are in a condition to do it; c) the possibility of leaving the control with the Industry Confederation.

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2. Answering Giannini's charges that employees of Momento are ex-Fascists, M., says that only anti-Fascists should be permitted to accuse people of Fascism and that Giannini's past record does not permit him this privilege.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Popolo quotes an article by William Bohn in "The New Leader" in which the American Socialist, comparing the speeches made by Pope Pius XII and Stalin, says that, in spite of the fact that he is a Socialist and a Protestant, he feels himself allied with the Pope a unique and great crusade.

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GENERAL

1. According to ANSA, a delegation of the Italian Disabled Veterans association (Associazione Mutilati di Guerra), which arrived in Trieste after a three weeks tour of Yugoslavia, stated that there were some 11,000 Italian POW in Yugoslavia who were being well treated and enjoying considerable freedom.

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8. Reuter reports that an editorial appearing in the "Observer" states that the Foreign Ministers' Deputies have drafted a preface to the Italian peace treaty. In view of the signature of the Italian armistice in 1943, and of the help given to the Allies by the Italy as a "cobelligerent", writes the Observer, the four Powers entrusted to draft the treaty have agreed to support Italy's request to be admitted to the UNO. Abyssinia and Albania are

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now recognised as independent and sovereign States, and the mark of aggressor state is cancelled from Italy's name. Besides the preface, some clauses of the treaty itself have been agreed upon, says the paper. The Dodecannese will be given to Greece, the islands of Dalmatia to Yugoslavia, and a few stripe of the frontier zone to France. But it has been proposed that plebiscites be held in those places after one year in order to give the inhabitants an opportunity to decide whether they want to stay under the new administrations or to go back to Italy. This resolution is obviously dangerous and it may well be rejected at the Paris Conference. The paper goes on to state that it is improbable that the zone of the town of Trieste be given an international status. The frontier should pass through Istria, leaving to Italy the towns with Italian population. On the other questions there exist many differences of opinion. The French representative supported the project to return Tripolitania to Italy.

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The Consulta sub-commission entrusted to study the electoral law met for the first time yesterday, under Orlando's presidency. Consultori Facchinetti for the Republican party and Bosi and Reale for the Action party reiterated their opposition

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to the adoption of the referendum. The sub-commission then started to discuss the 8 articles of the law. It seems that Orlando will summarize the decisions of the sub-commission in a written report.

16. Sir Noel Charles, British Ambassador in Rome, stated yesterday during a press conference in Bologna, that he thought that Italy would shortly be admitted to the U.N.O. with the same rights as other countries. As for Italian home affairs, he said that there would be no British intervention and that England hoped that no dictatorship, of whatever colour, would be reborn in Italy after the experience of twenty years of Fascism. He added that Austria had not deserved to be given the Southern Tyrol, and England understood the Italian point of view that geographical as well as ethnical data had to be taken into consideration. He concluded by saying that he trusted the Costituente would give Italy a democratic Government, and pointed out that the Allied police would not co-operate in any way with the Italian police during the elections.

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18. A bloody incident took place yesterday at Badolato, near Catanzaro, when a group of Labour-Democrats and Qualunquisti was assaunted with hand-grenades and, it is reported, even an artillery missile, by some Communist elements. Two men were killed and eleven were severely injuried.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 4th)

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ESPRESSO (Independent Leftist)

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Mario Braidotti asks that dismissals of employees, because of the present lack of work, be done fairly and without political bias.

2. Monsigner Fiordi, bishop of Orvieto, has sent the President of the Consulta a telegram in which he and his diocese protest against the passing of Article 66.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Renzo Petri reports on the life of Italians in Venezia Giulia.

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2. Umberto Micali says that the Government ought to take measures to reorganise Tourism in Italy.

3. Commenting on the news of the British Government's proposal that the question of the Italian colonies should be postponed until after the peace treaty with Italy, R. says that postponing a problem does not solve it. Italy, it says, ought to get back her colonies because they have nothing to do with Fascist imperialism but are the results of years of work of the Italian people.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

Giulio Canali, in a message from Trieste, says that the Yugoslav pressure on the Fiume population is getting heavier everyday in view of the arrival of the Investigating Commission. Among other things he reports that the Italian language has been banned in public offices.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. The "problem of Southern Italy", says "G", is due to shutting half the Italian population for so long out of the vast current of International trade. Now, it says, peninsular Italy has a future, being a junction for the trade between America and the East and between Africa and Europe.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Vincenzo Cecchini, quoting words from Mr. Byrnes and the "Observer", says that the American and the British Governments do not want the peace treaty with Italy to be unjust and that, therefore, he sees no reason why Italy should not keep Trieste.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

Francesco Libonati recalls and approves the measures and penalties that the Government will take against those who will not vote in the forthcoming elections.

TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist) - N.N.

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3. Gasparotto, Minister for Post-War Relief, held a press conference yesterday at Montecitorio to give an account of what has been done for Italian POWs. He gave detailed data of POWs still abroad, pointed out that 1,400,000 POWs have been repatriated during the past five years, and stated that Russian Ambassador Mastilev formally assured him that some 8,490 Italian POWs still in Russia will be repatriated soon. The Minister then stated that,

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according to agreements reached with the Allied Commission, he hoped that the repatriation of Italian POWs from all parts of the British Commonwealth, would be started soon. He said that all POW now in the U.S. would probably be repatriated within the month. He stated that the Italian Government had asked the Allied Commission for authorisation to use a big liner to transport POWs from far countries, and that four warships, with a capacity of 600 persons each, were being used between Taranto and other ports of the Mediterranean for this object.

4. U.P. reports that, both in the Government and diplomatic circles of Washington, it is affirmed that the anxiety of Prime Minister De Gasperi on the future of Trieste was baseless as it is not believed in Washington that plans concerning Trieste have been changed. Although no one can predict what the results of the enquiry in Venezia Giulia will be, everything leads to the conclusion, at present, that Trieste will not be assigned to Yugoslavia.

5. A delegation of the National Committee for the Repatriation of POWs was received yesterday by the Luogotenente and by De Gasperi. Both gave assurance that the Government was taking care of the serious problem.

6. The Uomo Qualunque Front published a communiqué stating that followers of the Liberal, Labor-Democrat, Christian-Democrat, Republican and Action parties may enter the U.Q. Front. Followers of the Communist and Socialist parties may also enter the Front after their applications have been examined individually by the Political Office of the Front. The newcomers from other parties may be listed, on their demand, on separate lists. The communiqué points out that the subscription to the U.Q. front is free, and it does not imply any oath of fidelity or badge, but only the moral duty to accept the political program of the U.Q. front. At any moment a subscriber to the Front may resign if he does not approve of its actions.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

Commenting on a declaration by Mr. Eden in the House of

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Commons and an article of the "Manchester Guardian" on the questions of sovereignty and atom-control, S.XX says that both problems are tied up, and points out that only the nations which have been weakened by the war are for the reduction of sovereignty and world-control of the atomic bomb, but that it is utopian to expect the same attitude from America and Russia.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. T.d.P. praises the calm and precise words of De Gasperi at the press conference.

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2. Writing on the relief provided for Roman veterans, A. says that something has been achieved, but that the solution of the veterans problem is tied up with that of social and economic problems.

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

General Bencivenga, in an open letter to Minister Molè, criticises the Government pointing out that the C.L.N. should not use Fascist methods such as control of the press and preventing the opposition from properly developing their policy.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

All those who expected that a split in the six-party coalition would be caused by discussion of the law for the Costituente, did not take into account the wish of the C.L.N. to let the country elect a throughly representative Government as soon as possible. (Giulio Andreotti)

GLOBO (Economic)

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LIBERA STAMPA - N.R.

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Curatolo, reporting on the situation in Trieste, describes the slogans with which the Yugoslavs try to discredit Italy before the Italian population of the city, and says that Tito's men offer 2[illegible],000 lire to householders if they will put a Yugoslav flag on their balcony during the inspection of the U.N.O. delegation.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

Commenting on De Gasperi's statements at the press conference, Guido Gonella stresses that there are certain limits in the terms of the peace treaty beyond which the honour of Italy forbids her to go.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal) 1216

An article by Luigi Einaudi on the taxes on inheritance.

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TEMPO (Independent)

Arturo Labriola says that at the present moment humanity needs peace and will have it at any cost because people are tired. Communism itself will change completely, he adds, because the human mind cannot support the stress of such tension for a long time.

UNITA' (Communist)

Commenting on the law on Fascist profits, U. says that the Council of Ministers has adopted the old text proposed by Minister Scoccimarro last October. It recalls that this text was sent to the Consulta for approval and this delayed the Finance Minister in his prosecutions of the Fascist profiteers and enabled many to camouflage their riches.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. During yesterday's session in the Consulta, Undersecretary for Labour, Cassiani, announced that the daily unemployment bonus has been raised from 30 to 50 lire. Consultore Grandi then put a question on the functioning of the Social Insurance Institute, and the Minister for Labour Barbareschi said that a draft law contemplating new directives for the Social Insurance Reform Commission will be submitted to the President of the Council soon. He added that the Ministry is taking care of the coordination of the Social Insurance contribution and that an important step has been made towards the solution of the problem by having management pay for the different kinds of Social Insurance contributions. Late in the evening the consultori were handed Orlando's printed report on the law for the Costituente, which says that the Consulta Sub-Commission, in view of the necessity for ending this period of uncertainty in our national life, has declared itself favourable to the law, provided that a few amendments be made on points of secondary importance.

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9. The New York Times reports from London that the Foreign Ministers' Deputies may have reached a basic agreement on the question of the Italian-Austrian frontier. It seems that they believe that Southern-Tyrol may not be returned to Austria and that the Brenner Pass must remain the strategic and geographical frontier of Italy. (U.P.)

10. The Italian newspapers report that Russian troops have been sent to the Morgan Line.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 6th)

CAPITALE - N.N.

ESPRESSO (Independent Leftist) - N.N.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA - N.N.

INDIPENDENTE - N.N.

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2. E.G. points out that in his answer to Consultore Della Giusta (socialist) Sig. Gronchi missed the point of the question - whether or not the Minister for Industry had a program for the nation's future industrial development.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. G. Roerrssen stresses the democratic character of the referendum and says that the institutional question must be settled before the convocation of the Costituente.

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2. Commenting on De Gasperi's warning to newspapermen to show a greater understanding of Italian relations with Russia, T.d.P. points out how, in Italy, considerations of internal policy have often interfered with foreign policy.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Giacomo Perticone discusses the two aspects of the monarchic problem: a) The value of monarchy as an institution which is a mere question of public law. b) The extent of this institution's responsibility for the past years of fascist domination. In the first case, says G. Perticone, monarchy must die, as it is a remnant of times that are no more, and in the second case the responsibility of the institution's representatives is flagrant. There can be no doubt, he says, as to the solution of the problem.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Giancini, replying to Onor. De Undis, says that it is false that the "Uomo Qualunque" elects its leaders by acclamation, only its President was elected in that way and he would have been elected anyway. G. also says that De Undis has attacked the "Uomo Qualunque" program by simply stating that the Administrative State is a "fairy tale", which is in open contrast to the fact that both Switzerland and the U.S.A. are Administrative States. He concludes by begging him to desist from personal insults.

2. B. reprints an article from the weekly "Uomo Qualunque" in which is said that the accusation of trying to reconstitute the Fascist Party, which was made against some qualunquisti has been rejected by the Assise Court. "The Uomo Qualunque" movement is certainly not Neo-Fascist as the principal points of its political program (division of powers and Constitutional Supreme Court to revise all laws) are in full contradiction to the Fascist idea, the Court decided.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Each individual must consider well the future consequences of his choice before giving a vote to any institution or party and must assume full responsibility for his action. (Ezio Selvaggi)

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2. Scrutator says that the ambiguous formula of the Art. on the powers of the Costituente is a danger that must be eliminated and stresses that the decision of the people, as it will be shown by the referendum, must be sovereign.

LIBERA STAMPA - N.N.

MINUTO

1. Commenting on the indemnities requested by Russia from Italy on behalf of Yugoslavia and Greece, Eduardo Perena says that Italian blood shed for the Allied cause should write off Italy's debt. He says that if this is not taken into account, what payment can be expected of a nation which is actually living on foreign charity. Besides, Yugoslavia's interests are tied up with those of Italy, as the two countries are natural markets for each other's production.

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amendments but only to point out that the communal elections should have preceded the general election in order to avoid confusion, conflict and disturbance of public order. After having referred to the struggle Austrian claims and to the lack of sympathy which foreign countries have for us, Nitti declared that an agreement with France represents the starting point of our resurrection. He then stated that just as once he was accused of being a Republican, today is accused of being a Monarchist. The Costituente, he said, will inevitably consist of representatives of the present parties, among which only three are really strong, the Communist, the Christian Democrat and the Uomo Qualunque. This last party gathers all dissatisfied people, and it is our duty to give everybody an opportunity of expressing their opinions. Then consultore Sereni explained that the Communist party agreed on the referendum only because it believed that the people will vote for the Republic.

11. The papers report that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received a letter from a political personality of Trieste stating that the situation in that region is getting worse and worse. Istria is kept under a regime of terror. Everybody is leaving in order to escape persecutions, deportation and death. Tito's supporters openly say to the population of Capo d'Istria, Pirano, Parenzo, Rovigno, Lussino etc., that this time submachine-guns and not "foibe"/will take care of all those who will not declare that they are willing to opt for Yugoslavia.

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12. An official communiqué states that the President of the Council had a conversation with the prefect of Bolzano on the problem of granting autonomy to Alto Adige. As only members of the "Volkspartei" have refused to join the Commission entrusted with laying the plan for the autonomy of the region, President De Gasperi instructed the prefect of Bolzano to prepare the plan taking into account the opinions of all other linguistic groups of that region. It is also stated that the preparing of electoral lists is hampered by the unsolved problem of the citizenship of a great number of inhabitants of that region.

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Q. points out the danger of the possibility of violence destroying democracy. The electoral struggle must be carried out in a true democratic manner without the use of Fascist-like violence, it stresses.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

Commenting on De Gasperi's negative answer to a question by an American press correspondent as to whether he would sign a treaty excluding Trieste from Italian sovereignty, Antonio de Berti remarks that when Trieste is talked of this means the whole of Venezia Giulia, and he stresses the firmer line of the Government's foreign policy as shown by De Gasperi's "No".

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech at Fulton, S. XX says that the Anglo-Saxons are facing the problem of "Peace or War" even before they have given back their sovereignty to the nations of Europe and before they have permitted a commencement of economic reconstruction. Had the Western Allies' policy been different, it says, their call of alarm would have a different echo in the hearts of peoples.

2. M.L. protests against the removal of Prof. Giuseppe Bastianelli from the Senate.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

Commenting on Orlando's report at the Consulta, T.d.P. agrees with him that the most important thing is to give a definitive constitution to the State and make an end of the present Government's provisional status.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Antonio Conti warns the Italian people to be on guard against the slogan "Monarchy or chaos". The Republic, he says, will eliminate a false situation and return to Italy its dignity.

2. Maria Maggi praises the modern free woman who has won her political independence through the hard sufferings of war.

3. Italy is but a little pawn in the great chess game of the Anglo-Russian conflict, says V.R., and does not expect justice from the peace treaty.

4. Criticising the incidents in Puglia, V.R. stresses that the Government must be able to stop such demonstrations which sabotage the Costituente.

MORNING PAPERS (March 8th)

AVANTI (Socialist)

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TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

Commenting on Orlando's report at the Consulta, T.d.P. agrees with him that the most important thing is to give a definitive constitution to the State and make an end of the present Government's provisional status.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Antonio Conti warns the Italian people to be on guard against the slogan "Monarchy or chaos". The Republic, he says, will eliminate a false situation and return to Italy its dignity.

2. Maria Maggi praises the modern free woman who has won her political independence through the hard sufferings of war.

3. Italy is but a little pawn in the great chess game of the Anglo-Russian conflict, says V.R., and does not expect justice from the peace treaty.

4. Criticising the incidents in Puglia, V.R. stresses that the Government must be able to stop such demonstrations which sabotage the Costituente.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

The paper emphasises Nitti's statement to the Consulta that "There are only three parties in Italy" : the popular party, the communist party, and the Uomo Qualunque party which gathers all dissatisfied and illtreated people."

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Maccio Ruini describes the poor conditions of the State employees who get a salary which is, at the best, one quarter of what it would be. The State, he says, must use some of the increased income tax to improve their position.

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2. Sibilla Aleramo salutes Women's International Day, celebrated for the first time in Italy, as the first important demonstration of political activity by Italian women.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. A. Oddi Baglioni criticises the proposed creation of a new State Office for the distribution of materials imported by U.N.R.R.A.

2. A project for the reconstitution of the Italian Merchant Marine is being studied by a technical commission of the C.I.R. By means of new constructions and purchases of "Liberty" and "Victory" ships from U.S.A., Italy could have in 1950 two million tons of shipping.

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LIBERA STAMPA

L.S. criticizes the conception of Epuration. If all are equal before the law, it says, a Government has no right to exert oppression on its political enemies.

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MINUTO

1. Sig. Spataro, Undersecretary for the Interior, has declared that the Government will defend the electoral freedom of the citizens at any cost and against any violence.

2. Mario della Valle analyses the condition of our Merchant fleet and says that in one year we will have back one third of our pre-war shipping.

MOMENTO - N.D.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

Umberto Tupini, commenting on the forthcoming elections, deplores the violence used by members of political parties in their electoral campaign and asks the Secretariats of all the parties to take measures to prevent the repetition of similar acts.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

Risorgimento Liberale says that it is the duty of political parties to keep their members under control and prevent them from using force.

TEMPO (Independent)

Under the headline "We must produce" Epicarmo Corbino, in a round-up on the Italian economic situation, says that Italy uses now only the three quarters of its actual productive capacity. He also deplores the fact that all the political forces of the country seem unaware of the seriousness of the present economic situation.

UNITA' (Communist)

Unità publishes an appeal of the Italian Communist Party to the "citizens and workers of Italy" asking them for their votes in the forthcoming administrative elections.

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5. Carabiniere Marinello Sodini was yesterday sentenced to death by the Afragola Allied Court Martial on the charge of having killed an Australian prisoner of War.

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6. It seems that negotiations between Bonomi and representatives of the Liberal Party have been progressing favorably during the past few days, and that the Liberal Party will soon officially announce its adhesion to the Democrat Concentration proposed by Bonomi. The agreement may imply a common line of policy for the electoral campaign and possibly even a common list of candidates. In the meantime it is stated that the National Convention of the Liberal Party will be held on April 1.

7. The London Correspondent of the Giornale del Mattino says that De Gasperi might be asked to London in connection with the drafting of the Italian peace-treaty.

8. Yesterday De Gasperi received Ministers Togliatti, Nenni and Romita. It is rumored that the meeting was held in connection with Nitti's proposal to the Consulta to set up a supreme body consisting of honest and reliable men which should control the procedure of the elections and the work of the Costituente.

9. The Ministry for Transport has allotted 1,670,646,500 lire to the Italian State Railways for repair work.

10. Questions to be asked in the House of Commons next week show the keen interest that Great Britain always has in Italian affairs. On March 11th, Major Bruce (Labour) will ask the Foreign Secretary if the Government may state that the population of the Dodecannese Islands will be allowed to express their opinion before a decision is taken. On the same day, Mr. Pavory will ask the Foreign Secretary if the Government noticed that Yugoslavia has sent reinforcements to the Morgan line and what action it intends to take in order to prevent the uneasiness which this move is causing to the Trieste population. (ORBIS-Exchange)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

U.R. stresses the importance of the discussion at the forthcoming on the law for the Costituente.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Andrea Finocchiaro head of the Sicilian separatists, at present in custody at Ponza, presented his appeal to the Council of the State.

2. Though new clashes have occurred between rioters and the police, the situation is returning to normal in Andria where Undersecretary for Post War Relief, Cifaldi, arrived yesterday.

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3. S.XX.prints in full the letter of resignation to Minister Togliatti by the Head of the Rome Tribunal, Milziade Venditti, and asks that Courts of Law should be freed from any political interference.

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

1. Prof. L.F. writing on the importance of merchant shipping says that in spite of the development of other means of communication, sea traffic will continue to develop.

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1. B. publishes a series of personal insults directed against the three Consultori who, during Nitti's speech, interrupted him to say that the "Uomo-Qualunque" is not a Party and that its members are ruffians and ex-Fascists.

2. B. publishes a letter from Fiume in which the unhappy condition of the city is described. It does not seem possible, says the letter, that such barbaric violence, still exists in Europe in the twentieth century.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

Giulio Canali, reports from Trieste that the pro-Tito elements have already started psychological warfare by flying flags from the windows of their homes. The Italian citizens, he says, are abstaining from demonstrations, because they feel somewhat offended by any investigation on their incontrovertible nationality. But because of this one can be sure that behind each flagless window there lives a "triestino" who demands to remain an Italian.

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LIBERA STAMPA

1. L.S. on Italy's participation in the "partnership" of her colonies points out the advantage of entrusting to Italy the administration of her colonies on behalf of the U.N.O.

2. The delegates of the Allied foreign ministers will not set to work before the arrival of the Russian delegate. Meanwhile Tito's agents are multiplying their efforts to falsify the situation. (ANSA)

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3. L.S. reports on Italian POWs in South Africa.

4. The executive board of the Liberal party met last night to discuss the party's policy and possible alliances with other political groups in the forthcoming electoral campaign.

MINUTO - N.N.

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2. Silvio Benucci reports that in the Allied concentration camp of Terni, Fascist women make love to ex-gerarchi and Allied officers and make the sign of the cross every time they pass Mussolini's portrait.

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2. The Ministry of War announced the discharge of soldiers born in 1921. This will start on March 15th and be completed by March 31st.

3. U.P. reports from Paris that a spokesman of the Quay d'Orsay stated that the Foreign Ministers' Deputies have rejected the Austrian request for the return of the Alto Adige to Austria. Austria has been conceded only a few minor alterations of the frontier line.

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4. The Moscow Radio announced yesterday that the Allied Occupation Forces of Trieste have arrested two Yugoslav UNRRA representatives.

5. The Italian Disabled Veterans Commission which recently returned from Yugoslavia, was received yesterday by the President of the Council to whom it stated that Tito has given assurance he will accept the cooperation of an unofficial Italian commission to examine the question of the repatriation of Italian POWs.

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INDIPENDENTE N.N.

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ITALIA - SERA

1. The many unsettled questions now troubling the world will be the cause of World War 3. (Amedeo Testi)

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2. The paper comments on the passing of the law for the costituente with the headline, - The battle for the Costituente has been won. Now the battle for the Republic opens.

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

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3. Under the title "Tito is not a name, it is a secret International Terrorist Organization" an Italian who has escaped from O.Z.N.A. tells of the anti-Italian activities of the Yugoslav Authorities in Venezia Giulia.

MINUTO Not available.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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GENERAL

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7. The leader of the Republican Party, Randolfo Pacciardi, made a speech at the Palazzo Ducale in Genoa on Sunday, at the conclusion of celebrations held there to commemorate Giuseppe Mazzini. (ANSA)

8. The Consulta Sub-Commission for Foreign Affairs held a meeting on Sunday. Alcide De Gasperi made a report on the international situation. The principal points were: rumors concerning the concentration of Yugoslav troops in Venezia Giulia, the autonomy statute of Venezia Giulia, activities of the Allied Investigating Commission in Trieste and the expected Modus vivendi with the Allies.

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9. Minister for Treasury Epicarmo Corbino made a speech in Milan, on Sunday, at the Lirico theatre. He was introduced by Undersecretary Arpesani, and began by pointing out the line followed by the Government on financial policy during the past months, i.e. to limit expenditure, restore confidence in the lira, encourage saving, and make the middle-class feel that the strangling of capital must and will come to an end. Corbino explained that the change of currency was not advisable in the present situation, because almost 70,000 policemen would have been needed to guard the notes for a period of three weeks, and because it was necessary to see that hidden goods were placed on the open market. The budget situation has been constantly improving, he said, and the treasury had 30 billion lire in cash by the end of February. The minister then said that European resurrection is subject to the condition that Europe finds again the economic unity to enable her to readjust and re-start the machinery of production. The world, he added, is moving towards economic unity as it was in 1913, and Italy must abandon the so-called "autarchic" mentality and make strong efforts to take her place in the system of world economy. State control of industry should be thrown over-board, he said. Corbino then affirmed that in his opinion an emergency income-tax on property would be a great mistake at this moment.

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14. A general strike was called in Trieste yesterday following an incident in Servola, near the city, in which two people were killed and eighteen wounded when Venezia Giulia civil policemen were met by a hostile crowd. The incident occurred when a flag was removed from the church by the church authorities in the presence of Civil Police. The AMG issued an official statement saying that the incident follows a sustained and distorted propaganda campaign against the civil police in certain sections of the press and over a period of four days during which there have been organized attacks on the police in the course of which the police have suffered three serious casualties.

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2. On the occasion of the anniversary of the coronation of Pius XII, "The greatest apostle of peace", the newspaper conveys its greetings to the Pontiff.

3. It expresses its satisfaction for the way in which the Consulta has terminated its work and says that it is a good omen for Italy and for Democracy.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

Amerigo Rosetti sums up the headlines of the programs of the Uomo Qualunque Party and of the Republican Democrat Party. On the Uomo Qualunque he says that it has filled the vacant place existing on the extreme-right and on the Republican Democrat, he says that it had no reason for existence because Parri's program is almost the same as Bacciardi's. It ends by saying that in the forthcoming Parliament we shall see lots of men who today claim to be leftist, sitting with the rightists.

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2. A protests against the printing by Quotidiano of an alleged leftist manifesto issued at Perentino on the aims of Socialism. These included the fight against religion, the destruction of the family, free love, etc.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. B. attacks Togliatti's attitude with regard to the Magistrature and hopes that the new Costituente will grant the magistrates the strongest guarantees of freedom. Meanwhile, it says, a non political nominee should take over the post of Minister for Justice in order to ensure this freedom.

2. New and serious incidents in Trieste have followed the calm which welcomed the arrival of the Allied Commission. Assaults against Italians and the civil police are multiplying, while everybody in Trieste feels that the Allies are unable or unwilling to take action against agitators.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

With the reopening of administrative elections the Italian people has definitely closed the door to dictatorship and is beginning to reconstruct Italy in freedom, affirms G.d.M.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. G. Ingianni says that one of the most important instruments for rebuilding Italian economy is the reconstruction of the Italian merchant fleet, and that the Government should back all enterprises intending to do this.

2. The railroad Laterina-Ponticino-Arezzo on the Rome-Florence line was re-opened yesterday.

3. The Government has granted 250 million lire for the reconstruction of public works in Toscana.

4. Technicians of the Milan Air Club have said that it is possible to use gliders for Italian metropolitan mail service.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

With the reopening of administrative elections the Italian people has definitely closed the door to dictatorship and is beginning to reconstruct Italy in freedom, affirms G.d.M.

GLOBO (Economic)

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2. The railroad Laterina-Penticino-Arezzo on the Rome-Florence line was re-opened yesterday.

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2. Commenting on the Monarchist position taken yesterday by 'Giornale della Sera", Micron says that, little by little, every newspaper headlined "independent" will take position for or against Monarchy.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Bebeuf remarks that the Rome Broadcasting Station gives lengthy reports of the republican speeches and just mentions, in passing, that some Monarchists have made a speech. He wonders how much has been paid for this.

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2. Roberto Lucifero strongly criticises the anti-democratic words of Pietro Nenni in his article which appeared Sunday in "Avanti".

3. Reprinting a notice which appeared in Ferentino, published by the Republican-Social-Communist group, I.N. points out the four new freedoms enunciated for the first time. They are: Freedom from God, Freedom from marriage, Freedom from the family and Freedom from decency.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

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2. The Ministry for the Interior announces that up to 2 a.m. today, the results of the communal elections are as follows:

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- Christian-Democrat: won in 144 Communes.
- Leftist Bloc: won in 123 Communes (this figure is comprehensive of victories scored individually by the Socialist, Communist and Action parties).
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Election results for 99 Communes are still unknown.

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7. The Italian Ambassador to the U.S., Tarchiani, had a long conversation with Hoover on the Italian food situation. He pointed out that the food ration for the Italian people is the lowest in Europe, Germany included, and that the Italian merchant-fleet should be returned to Italy in order to speed up the reconstruction of Italian economy.

8. The New York Times writes that Mr. Alexander Kirk, Ambassador to Italy, has tendered his resignation and that he will be replaced by the Assistant Secretary of State James Dunn. (U.P.)

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 12th)

CAPITALE - N.N.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech in Fulton, Achille Saita gives the reasons why it must be considered as an official statement of Anglo-American policy towards Russia. No matter what America's sympathies are, he says, the interests of the United States are linked to those of the British Commonwealth, and both powers are fully aware of the fact. It is up to Stalin to precipitate or prevent the formation of such a formidable alliance that no power in the world, even Russia, could resist.

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2. Commenting on the violent attacks made on the landowners in Andria, R. says that "thus the Fascism began".

3. R. reports a meeting in Liceo Visconti of the Roman Section of the "Labour Democratic" party.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

Commenting on last Sunday's Administrative elections, Manlio Lupinacci says that the two facts which actually mean something to the Liberals are that the elections have at last begun in Italy and that they have taken place in perfect order and with discipline. As for the success obtained by the leftist parties, he says that the rightists have still time to win.

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administrators and good Italians. B., then, replies polemically to "Unità" and "Avanti" which had written ironically on the absence of the "Uomo Qualunque" from the elections.

2. Commenting on the declarations of the High Commissioner for Food, B. says that complete freedom of the grain market will probably solve the difficulty of the present situation.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Commenting on the Congress of Italian Refugees from Africa, Mario Delli Santi says that, even if it is a convention of poor people, it must not go unobserved, because it is well known how dangerous is poverty when it turns into despair. Italy therefore must point out this problem connected with the question of our colonies, to those who can and must solve it with justice.

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2. A.C. reports on the situation in Trieste after the shootings in Servola.

3. Commenting on the concern expressed on the radio by the Secretary of the Christian Democrat party, P.V. explains why anti-clericalism might well raise itself in Italy and recalls the Christian Democrat party's responsibilities for giving catholics democratic instruction.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. A.T. quoting articles from the foreign press written by Yugoslav subjects, says that all the Yugoslavs are not for Tito and that they do not all agree with the imperialist policy of the Belgrade Government.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

Commenting on the first results of the communal elections R.L. makes the following statements. The victory of Democracy

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is not in that Demochristians and Social-communists have shared in the initial success but rather in the fact that free elections attended by disciplined crowds of voters have at last taken place in Italy. The political reality, R.L. says, must not be restricted to the existence of only two big blocs, as it is clear that a nonclerical liberal democracy also exists in Italy.

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March 14, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. ANSA reports that all Turin journalists went on strike yesterday as they have been refused the wage-increase which they had asked for.

2. Communal elections will be held next Sunday in 1090 communes, and in the province-capitals of Cagliari, Macerata and Vicenza where the proportional system of voting will be followed.

3. Seventeen students belonging to a neo-fascist organisation were arrested yesterday in Pisa.

4. The Inter-ministerial Committee for Reconstruction will meet tomorrow to discuss how to acquire funds necessary for our import program. It is learned that negotiations on the subject have been started with some of the big American financial trusts.

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10. De Gasperi definitely decided yesterday to have the communal elections in Milan held on April 7.

11. Italy has asked for permission to join the international Bank and monetary fund, Associated Press reports. The U.S. Government intends to support the request.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 13th)

CAPITALE

B. criticizes the new agreement between the Italian and San Marino Governments, by which all divorces given to Italian citizens by the Republic of San Marino will not be recognized by the Italian Civil Authorities.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Criticising the Government for not carrying out the change of the currency, Amato Amati suggests floating a State loan to be paid in gold, of which, he says, there is 300 million dollars' worth in Italy. The State would undertake to repay it in 5 or more years and would pay a certain interest, but its possession would greatly facilitate financial transactions with foreign countries, enabling a quicker revival of Italian production.

2. E. Abel, comments on the activity of the E.C.I.T.O. (European Central International Transport Organization) in which the Allied Commission in Italy is represented.

3. Abele thinks that a political "savoir vivre" is needed in conducting the political struggle if we want to be considered a civilized people. We must respect everybody else's ideas, and be accustomed to be either in the majority or in the minority with dignity, he concludes.

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2. Commenting on the Julian problem in connection with the forthcoming referendum, Giorgio Buda points out that the greatest proportion of the working class in Venezia Giulia is Italian, and he recalls its fear and hatred for Fascism, for a Monarchy associated with its memory and for any party which reminds it of Fascism.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Wherever U.Q. has joined with other parties these have won in the elections, says R.E. and he gives the names of many communes where U.Q. has triumphed by itself. He concludes by saying that now U.Q. will be more particular about its alliances as it knows it can win even if isolated.

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Vincenzo Lucci summarizes the speech that Prof. Lauchlin Currie, President of the North-American Committee for Italo-American business, made in the Palazzo Venezia. The principal points of his speech are: a) The U.S.A. have the greatest interest in Italy becoming a factor of political stability in the Mediterranean; b) Italy must elect a strong democratic Government; c) Italy should not wait for the peace treaty to solve the reconstruction problem; d) Italy must move towards a production which, using the natural resources of the country, should become highly specialised; e) It is very much important to increase the export of surplus goods. Concluding, he said: "Don't worry if you do not have raw materials, you will be able to get them on the international market".

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MINUIC

1. Strongly criticising Tito's policy, which threatens to destroy world peace gained after much suffering, M. is relieved by the fact that the Allies have evidently decided to reject Tito's blackmail.

2. Receiving Mr. Ugo Cerusi, U.S.A. Immigration Commissioner, the Pontiff said that emigration can contribute towards the solution of one of the greatest problems of post-war Europe.

MOMENTO - N.N.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

Guido Gonella finds that the position taken by Tito towards Trieste is exactly the same as that taken in 1939 by Hitler towards Dantzig. He ends saying that just as Hitler did not get Dantzig Tito will not get Trieste.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Commenting on the international situation the newspaper expresses its concern for the future of the Italian peace-treaty.

2. Writing on the situation in Milan where all theatres and cinemas have been closed for 5 days owing to electrical restrictions, A.B. points out the trend is to consider as superfluous all that is not strictly essential.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Writing on the request by the Italian Government for the release of two Italian liners from the Allied pool in order to speed up the repatriations of POWs, T. points out that only Great Britain is showing little interest in the return of POWs. "The answer to the question when will British-held POWs return?", it says, "is in the Allies' hands. They alone can provide and make a decision in this question".

2. T. reports on the draft decree by the Luogotenente on the payment of overdue debts by the State and Public Establishments.

UNITA' (Communist) - N.N.

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GENERAL

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10. The British Minister for Overseas Trade, stated yesterday in the the Commons that "all efforts must be made to furnish large quantities of the surplus textile raw materials to the industrial factories of Northern Italy in order to alleviate the world crisis in skein and woven, goods.

11. Turin workers have called a general strike in order to obtain the requested wage-increase.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. It is obvious, says S.XX, that Russia is concerned only

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2. Report of an act of banditry on the highway near Cassino.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Guido De Marzi says that it is impossible to abolish the passing of grain and the rationing of bread. Even in normal times, our national production has never been sufficient, and therefore we need to import freely from foreign countries. This, however, is impossible now, as grain is in world-short supply and America is controlling its export in order to make sure that it arrives where it is most needed.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. M. Allarini says that the peasants by hoarding paper currency have saved Italy from inflation.

2. Highway reconstruction is well advanced. 1044 bridges of the 2415 destroyed, have been rebuilt.

3. 748 million lire have been assigned for the reconstruction of the harbor of Viareggio.

4. A downward movement of prices of foreign currency on the free market is distinctly felt. The Pound ran as low as 820 lire.

5. The Congress for the Foreign Trade has finished. It reaffirmed the desire for a free market outwith the control of the Government.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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M. says that the results of the administrative elections of last Sunday are worthless because too many personal questions contributed to the choice of candidates. He also stresses the great responsibility of the Christian Democrats, who have seen thei electoral importance grow overnight, and points out the danger, for that Party of sliding into a position of intolerant conservatism.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Stressing that the Christian Democrats might have won a fight last Sunday, but that they prefer to win the war on June 2, Guido Gonella remarks that the left-wing Parties and blocs had disguised themselves under strange and different list symbols while the Christian Democrats used everywhere hits well known crossed shield as electoral emblem.

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March 16, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. The Messina Workers' Union has called a general strike for March 18 as a first protest against the critical food situation and the ever increasing unemployment. (ANSA)

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9. It is reported from Rovo di Puglia that a hand-grenade thrown by an unknown person against some qualunquisti and the fights between these and some Communists which then developed, resulted in two persons killed and 42 wounded.

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10. The Allied Investigating Commission left Trieste yesterday to make a survey in Zone B of Venezia Giulia. There it will visit the towns of Pisino, Abbazia, Fiume, Pola and Parento, and then will return to Trieste and complete the investigation.

11. Giornale del Mattino reports from Naples that the teacher of mechanics at the University, professor Mattioli, was robbed yesterday by two unknown persons wearing RAF uniform who then wounded him with two gun-shots. Mr. Mattioli was given first-aid at a British camp-hospital, and then transferred to the Pellegrini hospital where he arrived dead.

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14. It is reported from Trieste that Major Cunder, a member of the Yugoslav War Booty Commission working in Venezia Giulia Zone A, is suffering from wounds in the face and the stomach caused by three pistol bullets. The Police, who are holding an automatic pistol and five discharged cartridges said to have been found where the shooting took place, have started a full investigation.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 15th)

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3. L. quotes a declaration to ANSA by On. Di Vittorio, secretary general of the C.G.I.L., on the causes of the Andria troubles and the measures subsequently taken.

4. L. prints the main points of Togliatti's answer to Consultore La Volpe.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

Commenting on the first results of the Communal elections Giano Giani says that the reality is that public opinion is heading either towards Christiandemocracy or Socialcommunism. He warns against the possible return of anticlericalism, and says that Catholics must not rest on their initial success, and that on no account must they disinterest themselves in the elections.

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2. Commenting on the POW problem, Cristiano Drago says that the British should be made to understand that "those who have been responsible for transporting the prisoners overseas are also responsible for returning them".

3. Commenting on Cardinal Salotti's pastoral letter and his warning against a victory of "God's enemies", V.R. says that there are no religious interests at stake in the elections.

4. V.R. says that in its opinion, and after Togliatti's answer to Consultore La Volpe, the "Venditti case" is to be considered closed.

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MORNING PAPERS (March 16th)

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Everything that has been said on Sicily, from Separatism to the recent Palermo troubles, is fake or greatly exaggerated. One thing that remains authentic and permanently true is the pitiful condition of a mass of unemployed and illiterate people in a country with few roads and railways and lacking in many of the basic things of life.

2. In an interview with Avanti, Mr. Lauchlin Currie speaking on Italy's economic problems pointed out the conditions for Italy becoming a great manufacturing center of foreign raw materials. These are to be a true and sound democracy, and to specialize in the work in which she is most efficient.

3. Sig. Lunedei of the Italian commission of crippled soldiers and partisans which recently returned from a tour in Yugoslavia, declared that all POWs in Yugoslavia will be back home possibly before end of May.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Giovanni B. Boeri criticises the center and right-wing policy of ignoring the institutional problem. He says that they do it purposely to save themselves.

2. I.L. criticises the tendency of some papers to quarrel with each other on the results of these first administrative elections.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commenting on the fact that the Italian Communist Party has printed and distributed millions of pamphlets of Stalin's latest speech on "who is provoking the war", Italia Nuova accuses the Communists of aligning Italians against the Anglo-Americans and endangering the country's position and credit abroad.

2. I.N. says that the "Italian" Communist Party proceeds on the lines of the German pre-war propaganda and that it speculates on the weariness of the Italian people in order to persuade it to surrender to Tito's imperialism.

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2. R.G. writes on the life in Istria.

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3. T. thinks that in the present circumstances Nenni's proposal to withdraw our ambassador in Spain is at least untimely, and it says that in the undefended Eastern frontiers there is a much more serious danger than Spain.

UNITA' (Communist)

Giuseppe Berti accuses the Monarchists, the Qualunquisti and the "reactionary forces" of joining one part of the Allied press in a new anti-Comintern crusade and therefore of sabotating the new Italian Republican Democracy. He also says that "those who repeat that the error of Fascism was to make war do not understand that Fascism and Capitalism cannot live without making war".

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GENERAL

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2. The Luogotenente has signed the decree on the referendum. This will be handed tomorrow to the Government with a letter from Prince Umberto in which he will state that the Crown will respect the people's decision.

3. Yesterday morning at 10 a.m. a hand grenade was thrown at the U.Q. building in Genoa.

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CAPITALE

1. C. quotes from the letter of resignation of UNRRA president, Herbert L. Lehman.

ESPRESSO

1. Aldo Sieni comments on the origin and the activity of the "Volkspartei" in Alto Adige.

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2. It is possible that another general strike will be called in Venezia Giulia to demonstrate against the attempted murder of a Yugoslav.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA

1. G. della S. stresses the importance of the activity of the Italian diplomats abroad who have been able to sign advantageous economic agreements with foreign countries, thus relieving the serious internal situation.

INDIPENDENTE

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ITALIA-SERA

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Minister has not replied to Pres. Venditti but only attempted to confuse facts and circumstances. "Honest and civilised Italy", it says, "asks for a clear answer. If Togliatti cannot refute point by point Venditti's statement, he should resign his post."

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MORNING PAPERS

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AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. Ignazio Silone replying to the "Popolo" says that the question of electoral symbols should not be so important as that of the solution of important problems of the Communal administration.

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Reporting that in a small village two Uomo Qualunque propagandists were prevented **fromspe**aking by a crowd of young boys, who were making an awful noise, B. criticises the Communist policy of suppressing the opposition, and wonders where the Communist Party gets the money to make so much propaganda.

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2. Commenting on the Pope's speech, I.N. stresses that Art. 66 has always been considered by it as an offense against the sovereignty of the priests and as such Roberto Lucifero and the Democratic Party have opposed it.

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MINUTO

1. In an interview with Minuto, Finocchiaro Aprile has declared that the Government ought to grant an amnesty to the Sicilian "rebels" in order to prove to them that they are not fighting against enemies, and that they ought to lay down their arms.

MOMENTO N.N.

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8. U.P. reports from London that the proposed modus vivendi with Italy would abolish the economic and financial clauses of the Armistice, and modify other clauses concerning the legal status of Italy in order to allow her to become the subject of international law and to carry on independently, economic negotiation even before the ratification of the peace-treaty. This document, says U.P., is now being studied by the Foreign Office.

9. Minister for the Interior Romita received yesterday Finocchiaro Aprile, head of the Sicilian separatist movement, who protested against his internment which he termed as unjustified, and thanked the Government for his acquittal. He stated that he intends to carry on peaceful propaganda during the electoral campaign, and denied having ever been a secessionist. He also asked that all members of the M.I.S. be pardoned as soon as possible, and the Minister gave assurance that all those who have not committed crimes will be freed without delay. (ANSA)

10. The Luogotenente has signed the decrees on the referendum and on the Costituente, and sent them back to Alcide De Gasperi together with a letter in which he says that by signing these decrees he feels he is following the glorious tradition of the National Risorgimento, when the Monarchy was able to unite the Country and plebiscites were the means of expression of popular will and the base of the new, united State. This desire to respect the will of the people made my August Father retire to private life in order to facilitate national unity, he wrote. The same desire made me sign the 24 June 1944 decree allowing the people to choose their institutions. Today's sanction, therefore, is in keeping with the tradition which is at the base of the pact between the people and the Monarchy, which pact, if confirmed, will be the foundation of a renewed Monarchy which will fully express the self-government of the people and social justice. I trust, he adds, that the Government will make sure that elections will be carried out freely. To insure this freedom, I have given, by means of these decrees, freedom of vote to all those who are bound by an oath of fidelity. Being deeply conscious of the vicissitudes of my Country, I will respect, like any other Italian, the free decision of the people which, I trust, will be inspired by the wish for a better future for our Motherland.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 18th)

CAPITALE

Dob. comments on the disastrous results of 20 years of Fascis administration on the commune of Rome.

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GIORNALE DELLA SERA - N.N.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Manlio Lupinacci commenting on art. 2 of the law on the Costituente says that no doubt can exist on who will be the King if the Monarchy is chosen.

2. The second day of elections has also demonstrated the great discipline of the Italian people.

3. S.X. reports that Finocchiaro-Aprile will meet Minister Romita to ask for clemency for the "Separatists".

TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO

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1. Commenting on a photo of himself and an article printed in Avanti, Giannini says that if this is an invitation to murder him he is ready to meet the gunmen. He then goes on to defend himself of slandering true partisans and veterans.

2. The newspaper prints in full the Luogotenente's letter to the President of the Council.

3. "Q" quotes a sentence from a speech by Togliatti at the Moscow 1930 Communist party's congress: it says "I am proud to have abandoned Italian for Soviet Nationality".

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) - N.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. 5,000 tons of coal have arrived in La Spezia from Sardinia.

2. The Government has granted 30 million lire to build a new bridge built over the Arno.

3. 8,400 tons of coal have arrived in Naples from the U.S.A.

4. 34,000 tons of corn and 8,200 tons of coal have arrived in Bari from the U.S.A.

5. The Minister for Transportation has granted another 360 million lire for the reconstruction of the Italian railways.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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MOMENTO - N.N.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. P. defends the Christian Democratic party against charges by the leftists that it is creating an anti-democratic and, above all, an anti-proletarian bloc.

2. The newspaper comments and replies to the main point of Togliatti's speech in Terni.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. comments on the trial by the Allied Military Court of Naples of the ex-manager of the "Cogena" (Comitato Gestione Navi).

2. The newspaper comments on Minister Brosio's speech in Padova during the Minister's inspection tour in Veneto. Minister Brosio stressed the Liberal party's reasons for existence.

TEMPO (Independent)

Vero Roberti, Tempo's correspondent in Venezia Giulia, says that the killing at Servola was planned and carried out by the Yugoslavs.

UNITA' (Communist)

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2. Almost all papers publish the Allied Commission press-release stating that the Italian Government will henceforth participate in the European Coal Organization as an associated member.

3. ANSA reports from Villa del Bevese (Zone B of Venezia Giulia) that large numbers of Tito's troops and some units of the Red Army, which are perfectly equipped, are concentrated there. It is also learned from several sources that some officers of the Red Army, including two generals, are now in Zone B of Venezia Giulia in order to carry out mass training of the Yugoslav troops stationed there. These troops amount to 9 or 10 divisions, mostly infantry, equipped with some "Yolotov" tanks camouflaged as German "Tiger" tanks.

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9. The Allied Investigating Commission, which made a survey of the Arsa coal-district on Sunday, yesterday visited Abbazia and Pola.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 19th)

CAPITALE

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3. I.S. reports on the life in Termarancio near Rome which it calls the "hill of misery".

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Italian Railway workers have begun the electrification of the Rome-Formia railroad. It is expected that this will be completed by the end of May.

2. Commenting on the formation of the "General Confederation of employees", Giuseppe di Vittorio says the interests of the employees have already been cared for by the C.G.I.L. and that this new confederation intends only to divide the Italian workers.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - Not available.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. The newspaper reports the demonstrations of partisans against the Uomo Qualunque, and the invasion of the U.Q. building in Via Vittoria Colonna.

3. A. quotes Giannini's statement that, by entering the war, the United States of America prevented the organisation of the United States of Europe.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Commenting on his recent declaration to a French newspaper, Giannini says that Avanti has falsified its meaning in order to excite partisans against him. He accuses Silone of having organised the attack on the U.Q. office, and finally replies to the two dead partisans' fathers who wondered "where he was while their sons died in action".

2. B. prints the letter to Giannini by 3 partisans, members of the U.Q. party.

3. B. prints Roberto Bencivenga's letter to Giannini on the occasion of the attack on his newspaper.

4. B. quotes from an article in the "Giornale Alleato" of Venezia Giulia regretting the Fascist methods still in use in Europe, and says that this should interest Silone.

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5. Sweden may send raw cotton and wool for manufacturing in Italy, the Economic Institute of Milan disclosed yesterday.

6. The olive production in Puglia will drop this year.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

Commenting on the letter that Prince Umberto sent the day before yesterday to De Gasperi, Fernando Schiavetti admits that the Italian people expected a letter from the Luogotenente and that he did well to write it. As for the passage where he says that a "revitalized monarchy" will, if the Italian people want it, preside over Italy's future, Schiavetti writes that as so many times in the Italian history, the Savoia Dynasty did not keep its promises and, owing to this, led Italy to her ruin, the Italian people do not trust Monarchy and have decided not to take a chance this time.

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U.'UTA' (Communist)

1. U. comments on the formation of a rightist electoral bloc led by Bonomi and on Parri's statement that his party will not join a bloc not in favour of a Republic. It is possible, says the newspaper, that a democratic republican electoral bloc be formed to oppose the pro-monarchist bloc of Sig. Bonomi.

2. Y. reports an interview with Eugenio Reale, Italian Ambassador to Poland.

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GENERAL

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4. STEFANI reports from Berne that it is learned from London that the Albanian Republic has filed a request for war reparations from Italy for three and a half billion Albanian gold francs (40 billion Italian lire).

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8. Yesterday a section of the port of Leghorn was handed back to the Italian Administration by the Allies. 1173

9. ANSA reports from Trieste that under provision of a general order issued yesterday by the AMG for Venezia Giulia all traffic between Zone A and B must take place exclusively through the railway-lines and the four State highways. Several control points have been set up to control all goods in transit. The Allied action, says Ansa, clearly aims at controlling goods and individuals crossing the line dividing the two zones.

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10. The British Foreign Minister Bevin announced yesterday in the Commons that the Polish troops now in Italy will be demobilized.

11. The Ministry for the Interior officially announces that the final results of the March 10 communal elections are as follows:

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. B. comments on the attack on the U.Q. office and the reaction in a large proportion of the Press.

2. B. points out that Avanti's attacks and the ransacking of the U.Q. office are an attempt to obscure the Venditti scandal.

3. Two partisans Associations, ANPI and AIL, denied that authentic partisans or veterans have participated in the attack on the U.Q. office. Then who are the men recruited by Avanti? asks B.

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1. Commenting on the possible postponement of the peace treaty Arrigo Jacchia points out the serious consequences that this will have for Italian economy. He also says that the "modus vivendi", though giving some relief - with the abolition of the occupation expenses and of the control on foreign affairs - will not be sufficient to start the much needed economic reconstruction.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

Commenting on the political situation in Italy, Norberto Bobbio says that "only a solid and active union between the parties most in contact with the people, so to speak the Leftist Parties, can secure a true and lasting Democracy in Italy".

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Enzo Selvaggi wants the formation of a right-wing bloc which will be able to balance the influence of the left.

2. I.N. criticises the policy of the Minister of Interior, who has not been able togive exact information on when the elections will commence,in taking as an excuse the inaccurate news he has received from the Communes.

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3. T. recalls Finocchiaro Aprile's past public statements and expresses its satisfaction in the Sicilian leader's change of policy.

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4. T. comments on the attack on the Uomo Qualunque office [illegible] on the polemics between Avanti and Giannini. It points out the difference between Giannini's statement as printed by U.Q. and the same text printed by Avanti and says that the French newspaper, to which the statement was made, has probably misunderstood it and expressed it wrongly.

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GENERAL

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- Local Groups 33
- Labor-Democrats 24
- Liberals 22
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	- Social-Communists	10
	- Republicans	12
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9. Alcide De Gasperi sent a lengthy message on the Italian food situation to President Truman, stating that Italy needs to import at least 300,000 tons of grain per month until the next harvest.

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2. L. reports that the National Council of State Employees was closed today.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Q. points out that Avanti's statistics on the electoral results do not always agree with official figures issued by the Ministry of the Interior.

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2. Maria Federici points out the reasons why many women did not vote.

3. Q. comments and reports on the creation of the Catholic organisation "Fronte della Famiglia" (the family's front).

4. Ruffo Ruffo comments on Peru and the opportunity it offers for Italian emigration.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Giuseppe Platania comments on Sicily's problems and says that the Sicilian people do not want secession but justice, true liberty and a fruitful democracy.

2. R. comments on French frontier claims and says that French arguments are not very convincing.

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2. Ralph Leoni, in a message from the Morgan line, says that the IV Yugoslav Army has established its headquarters near the Morgan line.

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MORNING PAPERS (March 22nd.)

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Drawing conclusions on the first electoral results, Ignazio Silone says that political forces are polarizing in two opposed blocs, and that all the reasons which forbade leftist parties to make a "class against class" policy fail. "Will Demochristians resist the temptation of becoming the axis of all anti workers forces ? he asks. He concludes by warning Church dignitaries that they have forgotten that the Church must act as a moderator in the struggle between parties.

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2. B. attacks Avanti and comments on the reaction to the attack against the Uomo Qualunque office, and on the prospective resignation of Minister Togliatti.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Giannini comments on the falsification of his declaration by Avanti and asks Silone to state whether he approves the forgery by his newspaper or not.

2. B. attacks Avanti and comments on the reaction to the attack against the Uomo Qualunque office, and on the prospective resignation of Minister Togliatti.

3. B. prints a telegram to President Venditti by Neapolitan Magistrates.

4. B. reports on a letter to the "Times" saying that Ethiopia's claims on Italian Somaliland and part of Eritrea have no basis.

5. The newspaper prints extracts from a manifesto posted in Terni by a group of ex communist agriculturists warning against the Communist agrarian policy.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Commenting on the food situation, Guido De Marzi reports that the real quantities of wheat consigned to the "Ammassi" by the farmers have been less than expected and that imports will not be able to make up the difference. He also defends the rationing of bread and "pasta", as the reestablishment of the free market would mean an import of 30 million quintals of wheat.

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2. Edward D. Kleer, special correspondent of the I.N.S., in a message from Trieste says that the Americans are in favor of the Truman line, which is slighty different from the Wilson line, the British would like the formation of an Autonomous State, a solution opposed both by the industrialists of the area and by the Russians, while Russia would favor the annexation to Yugoslavia of the greatest part of the Julian region excluding Trieste and its neighbourhood.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. 60,000 trout eggs have arrived by air from the United States.

2. The Italian Government has cancelled the sequestration of the Allied property, confiscated by the Fascist Regime before July 25th 1943.

3. The Italian rice producers have asked for the lifting of the Government's rice blockade saying that the rationing and political price imposed by the Government have diminished production and the increased black market trading.

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1. Commenting on Togliatti's speech in Terni, in which he replied to the Pope, Giulio Andrei says that the Communists have finally removed all disguise and have shown themselves as they really are.

2. M. remarks that in spite of the victory shouts of the Social-Communists the last results of the administrative elections show that the Demo-Christians are in the lead.

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MOMENTO - N.N.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

A time-bomb exploded yesterday in the house of the Bishop of Novara. The Bishop has been attacked many times and insulted by the local Communist newspaper.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. attacks the thesis defended by leftists, that Yugoslavia's attitude to Italy is due to Italy being yet a Fascist country, and that a leftist triumph in the election and a leftist government will reestablish friendly relations. Fascism has nothing to do, it says, with Yugoslavia's claim on our territories.

2. R.L. comments on the amendments to the law on Epuration, and says that they do not justify a postponement of the date agreed by the Government for the duration of the law.

3. R.L. prints Vice General Secretary of the Liberal party Cassandro's statement to "Sidi" on the forthcoming National Congress of the party.

TEMPO (Independent)

T. reports the measures of assistance obtained by the National Committee of the Association "Mutilati di guerra" in favour of the crippled soldiers' families.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Ambrogio Donini stresses that no conflict exists between Social-Communism and Catholicism because the first does not exclude the other and that none must think that voting for the Communists means voting against religion, as some classes, alarmed by the Communist program, would like the people to believe.

2. U. reports that an Italian Commission for the repatriation of former POWs has been invited to Yugoslavia. It adds that the 11,000 Italian POWs in Yugoslavia are well fed and well treated.

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GENERAL

1. The COUNCIL OF MINISTERS met yesterday. As the Vice-President Nenni and Ministers Cianca, Gasparetto and Molè were absent, De Gasperi proposed the postponement of the debates on some important questions such as the symbols to be adopted to represent the Monarchy and the Republic. Anyway the decree concerning the procedure and the proclamation of the results of the referendum has been approved. It was decided that the list for the referendum be different from the list for the constituents, the former possibly being of yellow colour and the latter grey-green, and that the June 2-electoral operations, whenever required, can continue on June 3. The task of announcing the results of the referendum has been entrusted to the Court of Cassation which will also decide on appeals which it receives within 22 days of the election. The Council then decided to abolish revenue-taxes on gift-parcels from America not exceeding 20 kilos (5 kilos only when they contain coffee), and also for gift-parcels weighing more than 20 kilos if they contain pasta, flour and other cereals. A decree allowing Italian exporters to dispose of 50 per cent of the foreign currency, earned through their exchanges with foreign countries, in order to buy abroad those materials needed by Italy which are indexed in a Governmental list, was then approved. Another decree ordering that internment, replacing political confinement, of individuals cannot last more than four months after the cessation of the "state of war" was passed. Among the other numerous decrees approved by the Council there is one providing for more severe penalties against tobacco smugglers, and one ordering that the age limit for terminal leave of servicemen be reduced from 55 to 45 years.

2.- The Allied-Investigating Commission yesterday visited Bolo where it started consultations with the local authorities and representatives of different organisations. Violating the orders of the C.L.N., the Italians for the first time held a demonstrations. 15,000 people took part in the procession and were cheered by the crowd. No incidents occurred.

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3. The trial of the 29 individuals responsible for the serious incident which occurred at Riesi during the March 17 elections was concluded yesterday in Caltanisetta. The Court acquitted 11 of the defendants for lack of evidence, and sentenced the others to penalties ranging from two to four years imprisonment.

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4. Two bandits were captured yesterday at Bronte in the Catania province after a fight with the Carabinieri.

5. An American four-engine plane of unknown type crashed yesterday near Gallinaro in the Frosinone province. Seven members of the crew who bailed out are safe, while the eighth burned with the plane.

6. Unemployed people caused serious incidents during a demonstration held yesterday in Messina. They ransacked the communal revenue offices, the UNRRA and "Consorzio Agrario" warehouses, and set fire to the guardia di finanza barracks. During the fights which developed, two people were killed and 34 wounded.

7. Pietro Nenni made a speech in Novara yesterday, explaining the law on the Costituente and the line of policy of the Socialist party. He stressed that the two principal arms of the party are reform of agriculture and reform of industry.

8. ANSA reports that the British Labour Party has agreed to send its representatives to the Socialist Party Congress which will be held in Florence on April 11. Harold Laski, Harold Earnshaw and Denis Healy will represent the Labour Party.

9. Herbert Hoover, who was accompanied by Ambassador Hugo Gibson and seven other experts, arrived yesterday at the Ciampino airfield and was received by Rear Admiral Stone, General G.C.H. Lee, the American chargè d'affairs Dr. Key and Undersecretary Arpesani.

10. Rear Admiral Hilary W. Stone has notified the President of the Council Alcide De Gasperi that the Italian Government is authorized to organize civil air-lines.

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1. Commenting on the Julian problem, I. says that we must regret having fought World War I, for our victory by splitting the Austrian Empire led to the creation of new states, amongst which is Yugoslavia which now claims territories gained by an Italian victory and to which Yugoslavia owes her existence.

2. According to "Informazione" the Consulta will resume its work in April.

3. I. publishes the Italian translation of De Gasperi's appeal to President Truman.

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ITALIA-SERA

Commenting on the management councils I.S. stresses that they should have an advisory role, co-operating with the owners of the factories, and not against them, as these are the only ones who can cover financial losses.

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. E., alarmed by the serious food situation, says that an early solution to this vital problem must be found and remarks that the abolition of rationing of bread and pasta is still far off.

2. The President of the Committee for the repatriation of Prisoners Lt. Romano has met the Chief of the Allied Sub-Commission for Prisoners who has assured him that, having received Admiral Stone's telegram he is doing his best to have the ships "Saturnia" and "Vulcania", now in Bombay, used for the repatriation of Italian POWs in India.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Randolfo Pacciardi analyses the principal points of the Italian peace treaty - Trieste, reparations, merchant marine, etc. - and hopes that the Allies will not destroy the effort of the Italian people to start the reconstruction of their country.

2. V.R. stresses that the diplomats must be changed and that new men, real representatives of the Italian people must be selected for the delicate work.

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MORNING PAPERS (March 23rd)

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Mino Caudana recalls the "Ardeatine" slaughter of 24th March 1944 and comments on the message "that their sacrifice will not be in vain.

2. Achille Corona reports on his interview with Ambassador Saragat and comments on the latter's statements on the Franco-Italian relations and on his declaration that his duty, as a socialist, forced his return to Italy.

3. Under heading "What Giannini cannot understand", A. quotes from the letter by a dead partisans's daughter, illustrating the sacrifice and heroism of the Pian D'Albero partisans.

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3. Exporters can use 50% of their credit abroad as they like, to purchase of certain goods needed by the country, the Council of Ministers decided yesterday.

4. 1,710,000 pair of shoes, which remain unsold, could be exported.

5. The commercial treaty between Italy and Czechoslovakia will shortly be signed. Only minor items, on transport of goods, remain to be discussed.

6. The problem of irrigation in Puglia, Basilicata, Calabria and Sicily can be solved without difficulty.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Franco Venturi points out the Liberal party's position in the recent parties' trend to form large electoral blocs. No liberal cooperation with a rightist bloc, he says. Considering the formation of a Center bloc, he says that the true democratic forces should unite on a political program and not only in view of the election.

2. I.L. regrets the printing by Italia-Sera of a photo and an article on "OZNA's" crimes.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Franco Marano replies to Togliatti's statement in Terni that "Italy's policy towards Yugoslavia will be responsible for the loss of Italian Trieste", and says if ever Trieste is lost it will be due to Yugoslavian stubbornness backed by Russia and also to the treacherous action of the Italian Communist party.

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1. Mario Alicata comments on the trend to form large electoral blocs, and says that these should serve to strengthen the democracy.

2. U. prints an extract of a speech delivered in February in Brescia during a congress of Catholic men and women members of the Communist party.

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GENERAL

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4. The decrees on the referendum and the Costituente were published yesterday in the Official Gazette(Gazzetta Ufficiale).

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7. Three Carabinieri were killed and two were wounded by bandits in Centuripe and Partinico (Sicily).

8. The General Inspector of the Police, Polito, continuing his examination of the misdeeds of the Milan Police, arrested ten more officials.

9. Herbert Hoover was received yesterday morning by Alcide De Gasperi who gave him details on the serious food situation. After having been received by the Pope, Hoover had lunch at Palazzo Chigi with De Gasperi, other Ministers and American and Italian personalities. The former President of the U.S. then presided at a meeting held at the High Commission for Food.. Hoover pointed out that the general situation of Allied supplies for Italy has been aggravated by increased world requests, which reach double the supplies available. He gave assurance of being

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aware of the difficult food situation of Italy and that he will make efforts to alleviate the strained living conditions of our people.

10. Continuing his electoral campaign tour, yesterday Nenni made speeches in Pistoia and Prato.

11. The provincial Congress of the Socialist Party which was held in Terni passed a resolution opposing the merger with the Communists.

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CAPITALE N.N.

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GIORNALE DELLA SERA

1. G. della S. attacks the Communists for their ambiguous way of preparing a war and throwing the responsibility for it on the others. It remarks that this is a well known method much used by Fascist Governments.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Andrea Billi says that the news of Hoover's arrival in Italy may mean the beginning of new assistance by the United States for the reconstruction of Italy, as he might be the man who, as after the first World War, will improve the organization of the food supplies to the war damaged countries. Pointing out the great amount of grain now stocked in the U.S. elevators (almost twice the 1940 production) he says that this stuff is not now free because the producers do not want to sell it as they expect that the food shortage will result in a rise in prices.

ITALIA-SERA (Not available)

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. 1217 tons of wool arrived in Naples yesterday from England.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican)

1. Replying to Amoroso Ponini's article in "Unità", O.R. says that the Clergy fights Communism for three principal reasons. a) Communism says that it is opposed to religion; b) Wherever Communism has won it has persecuted religion and clergy, sometimes with very inhuman methods; c) Communism has always made a great propaganda against the principles of Catholicism even when not referring directly to them.

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1. G. della S. attacks the Communists for their ambiguous way of preparing a war and throwing the responsibility for it on the others. It remarks that this is a well known method much used by Fascist Governments.

INDIPENDENTE

1. Andrea Billi says that the news of Hoover's arrival in Italy may mean the beginning of new assistance by the United States for the reconstruction of Italy, as he might be the man who, as after the first World War will improve the organization of thefood supplies to the war damaged countries. Pointing out the great amount of grain now stocked in the U.S. elevators (almost twice the 1940 production) he says that this stuff is not now free because the producers do not want to sell it as they expect that the food shortage will result in a rise in prices.

ITALIA-SERA (Not available)

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. 1217 tons of wool arrived in Naples yesterday from England.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican)

1. Replying to Ambrogio Donini's article in "Unità", O.R. says that the Clergy fights Communism for three principal reasons. a) Communism says that it is opposed to religion; b) Wherever Communism has won it has persecuted religion and clergy, sometimes with very inhuman methods; c) Communism has always made a great propaganda against the principles of Catholicism even when not referring directly to them.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Card. Carlo Salotti says that the Church has the right to fight against its enemies wherever they are and adds that if these enemies have chosen to fight against the Church in the political field then the Church must enter that field and fight against them with their own weapons. He then makes an appeal to all the Catholics to go to the polls and do their duty.

2. Jor. comments on Churchill's declaration to the United Press and stresses the importance of the words "Communism means

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death for the human soul".

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. R. publishes the letter sent by an Italian Bishop to a Liberal Consultore after the passing of article 66 of the Electoral Law. Nordico then warns the Christian Democrats that if they back the "excomunication threat of the priests to those who do not vote for the Christian Democracy", they "will not have to blame anyone but themselves for the consequences.

2. Carlo Salsa commenting on the recent attacks on the Uomo Qualunque and the Buonsenso offices, recalls that some 24 years ago the same assaults were made on Mussolini's newspaper "Avanti" by the anti-Fascists.

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2. Mino Caudana says that one of the worst faults of some Italians is their unreasonable love for any kind of uniform.

3. A. publishes a letter by Giorgio Caproni, a partisan, which criticises strongly Giannini's campaign against the partisans.

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BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Continuing its campaign against Togliatti on the Venditti case, B. wonders whether De Gasperi know of the thing at all. It also says that probably the many million lire that were given for the partisans and that they never received, are now used for electoral propaganda by some political movements.

2. B. publishes another letter by Milziade Venditti to Minister Togliatti.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Amerigo Ruggiero, in a message from New York, reports that the Americans do not want immigration and criticises this attitude, pointing out the valuable contributions by immigrants in U.S.A.

TEMPO (Independent) N.P.

UNITA' (Communist)

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4. Herbert Hoover was received by the Luogotenente on Sunday morning, and by Admiral Stone on Sunday evening.

5. An order of the day issued by the Central Committee of the Republican Party, which met in Rome on Sunday, states that the

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Republican Party will campaign for the election to the Costituente with its own list of candidates without joining any other party or political group.

6. The Rome Section of the Christian-Democrat party passed a resolution favouring the Republic, 9,000 to 4,400.

7. The Italian observer to the UNRRA Conference stated yesterday that another 50,000 tons of wheat have been allotted to Italy in order to avoid a reduction the bread ration during the month of April. (AP)

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AFTERNOON PAPERS March 25th)

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2. L. prints a proclamation by the National Council of 1158 State employees.

3. The "Federterra" says that all the news about the alleged violence and land occupation in Tuscany is untrue.

4. L. reports on the pilgrimage of 200,000 Romans to the Ardeatine graves.

5. L. gives details of the discovery and arrest of a group of ex-Fascist republicans by the Questura's Political Branch.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

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1. Commenting on the Anglo-Russian polemics, S. Federici says that as regards Italy, the conflict between Russia and the Anglo-Saxons "is only rendering more difficult the clarification of her moral and material position".

2. Q. comments on the religious persecution in Croatia and Yugoslavia.

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3. Arturo Toscanini, who is about to come to Italy, has declared, and authorized "Voce Repubblicana" to publish, that during his stay in Italy he will not only conduct concerts at La Scala, but will also attend the elections and vote for the Republic.

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4. Randolfo Pacciardi, writing on yesterday's meeting of the Italian Republican Party, agrees with the decisions taken by the Party to exclude all the Republican Candidates "involved with Fascism" from the forthcoming elections and says that on June 2nd, date of the Referendum, the Republican Party will eliminate the Monarchy.

MORNING PAPERS (March 26th)

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2. Giulio Cenali, in a message from Trieste, reports that a great pro-Italian demonstration has taken place in Trieste. All the windows of the town were covered with Italian flags and thousands of people have demonstrated in the streets singing patriotic hymns. The crowd gathered in Piazza Unità and Piazza Verdi to listen to some speeches by C.L.N. representatives. A Communist attempt to organize a counter-demonstration failed miserably.

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. Saverio Ilardi stresses that the Syndical organization in Italy urgently needs juridical structure.

2. 140 million lire have been assigned for the reconstruction of that part of the Leghorn harbor which has been handed back by the Allies.

3. G. publishes a letter by the Textile Association to the Government in which is criticised the project of maintaining the now anachronistic National Textile Office, created by the Fascism for control and "autarchia" purposes.

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MINUTO

1. M. comments favourably on De Gasperi's speech and says that it clarifies the Demochristian party's policy and the attitude of its leaders towards leftist parties.

2. M. says that Togliatti's statements on Communist respect for religion are in contradiction to Marxism and materialism.

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MOMENTO

1. M. reports on the results of the third Sunday elections and points out that Socialcommunists are leading in big cities and industrial centers.

2. M. prints a letter by the father of an Argentine martyr.

3. The Italian Republican party has decided to remain by itself in the electoral campaign. This decision reduces Parri's hopes of forming a Republican bloc.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. P. prints De Gasperi's Turin speech.

2. P. prints Hoover's statement on the Italian food situation.

3. An extraordinary meeting of the Rome section of the National Association of Italian Magistrates will be held on the 31st. March. The discussion will deal with the independence of the Magistrature in connection with the Penditti case.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. R.L. refutes a statement by a Communist newspaper that "the Liberal party has been squashed between the big mass parties because it has refused to cooperate with democrats and anti-fascists", and it replies to De Gasperi's statement that "the Liberal Party's historical function is terminated".

TEMPO (Independent)

T.G. wishes the abolition of the Rome Control Office, created by the Fascist Government, which, he says, greatly jeopardizes the efforts of the farmers.

UNITA' (Communist) - N.M.

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5. Owing to the shortage of food supplies, the population of Aosta held a demonstration yesterday to protest against the local authorities. Some irresponsible elements took advantage of this opportunity to give the demonstration a political colour. No serious incidents occurred and order was restored before night.

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6. Herbert Hoover, who returned yesterday to Paris, has already cabled a lengthy report on the Italian and French food situation to the "Fight against World Famine Committee", which will discuss it in due course.

7. The former U.S. Secretary of State, Sumner Welles, made another radio-speech in support of Italy's case. Welles said that Libya, excluding the territory belonging to the Senussi, must be administered by Italy despite any contrary request by Russia. (ANSA)

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15. The Trento Provincial Committee of the Christian-Democrat Party sent a telegram to Alcide De Gasperi asking him to run for that constituency in the elections to the Costituente. De Gasperi has accepted the proposal.

16. Reuters reports from Belgrade that the Yugoslav Minister for the Interior has disclosed that the U.S. and British Governments have notified the Yugoslav Government that they have issued instructions to AFHQ concerning the delivery of Italian war criminals.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 26th)

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ITALIA-SERA - N.N.

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

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Commenting on the Italian frontier problems, R. says that where there is a clear geographic frontier the only just solution is to respect it.

2. R. comments on the authority granted to the Italian Government for operating civil internal air lines, and says that this is a major step towards the recovery of Italy's political autonomy.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Commenting on the electoral results, Giovanni Caporaso refers to the decline of the Right. However, he says, the problem is whether Christian Democrats are rightist or not, and he hopes that this point will be made clear by the party's stand on the Institutional question.

2. A. says that it now appears certain that Liberals and Labour Democrats have agreed to Bonomi's project of a Democratic bloc.

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1. Continuing his campaign for the abolition of the Hemp Control Office, A. Oddi Baglioni says that it is perfectly natural that the employees of that office want to defend its existance and that of their jobs, but for some farmers to defend it is unreasonable and against their own interests.

2. A new organization for the management of the State Highways has been formed - the A.N.A.S. (National Autonomous Office of Highways).

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3. A decree for a better treatment of the temporary State employees is being prepared.

4. Porto S. Stefano, small village on the coast near Orbetello, though greatly damaged by the war, contributes with its fishing to the food supply of Rome.

5. A reduction, ranging from 10 to 60 per cent on the coal allotments, will be made in April because of the coal strike in the U.S.A.

6. A billion lire has been assigned for electoral expenses.

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TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

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U.ITA' (Communist)

1. Mario Cesarini stresses the victory of the Communist party in Bologna.

2. Vittorio Infantino, in an open letter to the editor, writes ironically on the statement of the "Risorgimento Liberale" that the Communist party should be described as a conservative party.

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5. Col. J.C. Smuts of the Venezia Giulia AMG as ordered the disbanding of the Yugoslav Communist Action Committee.

6. A procession of students-estimated at 10,000 demonstrated in Rome yesterday in favour of the Italianity of Trieste. A delegation of students was then received by-Alcide De Gasperi who pointed out that the Government had done everything possible to bring about a just solution of the Julian question, and added that we must try and understand why on the Yugoslav side there exists a profound resentment-against us. He concluded by reaffirming that he will not sign a peace treaty if it is not acceptable.

7. Orlando returned yesterday to Rome from Sicily. During the week he will meet Nitti and Bonomi to complete the negotiations for the constitution of a "National Democratic Union".

8. All Rome workers will-strike for one our today, from 10 to 11 a.m., owing to differences between Labor syndicates and management. Those workers employed by the Allies and the public services will limit their strike to 10 minutes, from 10 to 10,10 a.m.

9. The Italian-Government will send two memoranda to the Foreign Ministers' Deputies, one dealing with the Western frontier and the other on financial matters.

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LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. L. prints the letter from a group of people living on pensions in which suggestions are made to the "Istituto della Previdenza Sociale".

2. Bierbeda reports the 14th March demonstration by 300,000 workers in the Milan "Arena" protesting against the lies and injustice of the industrialists.

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3. Another official of the Italian emigration Service has left for Czechoslovakia, says CERES, to study the conditions for an immigration of Italian workers and technicians.

4. L. reports on Qualunquist activity among the A.T.A.C. personnel.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO (Vatican) - N.N.

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2. V.R., commenting on Parri's disappointment at the Republican party's decision to run alone in the elections, says that the administrative elections have proved that the Republican party is the largest and most reliable Republican force, and that other smaller groups should draw the conclusions from this fact. It also adds that the party will welcome any sincere republican who wishes to cooperate with it.

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3. Commenting on Togliatti's speech in Cremona, V.R. says that the Communist leader has been very explicit about Italian responsibility for the war, but not very clear on the point of whether or not Trieste is and must remain Italian.

MORNING PAPERS (March 28th)

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Writing on the age old conflict between the Church and Socialism, Don Nemesio points out that it is largely due to economic reasons, and he says that "only selfish interests cause the Clergy's antisocialist polemic".

2. Giuseppe Andrich writes on Italian immigration in France and on the condition of Italians who have settled there.

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1. Renato Santoro criticises Sforza's attitude and statements.

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MINUTO

Commenting on the general optimism over the order displayed during the elections and the high percentage of voters, M. says that some facts, however, have arisen which should moderate optimism and permit suspicion. The paper comments on the fact that 90 per cent voted, and it adds that more discipline and greater honesty are needed during the elections for the Costituente.

MONITO

1. M. prints Giannini's statement to a French newspaperman which prevoked the attack on Uomo Qualunque Office and says that without intending to incite anybody against Giannini, it must state that the latter's assertions are false and unjust, and can only damage Italy's position abroad.

2. Silvion Barroero reports on the demonstration of 200,000 Italian in Trieste.

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UNITA' (Communist) - N.N.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. At yesterday's COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, De Gasperi reported on Italo-Spanish relations. He recalled that after the decisions concerning Spain taken at the Potsdam Conference, the Italian Government notified the United Nations, in its note of August 4, 1945, that its Spanish policy would be in accordance with the policy adopted by the London and Washington Governments. He also recalled that the note was welcomed by Great Britain and the U.S., and declared that in his opinion, in the present circumstances, it was advisable to continue the same policy. To have an Ambassador in Madrid, he said, does not mean the acknowledgement of a certain political situation, and Italy's desire to see Spain turning to a democratic way of life is well known. Nenni answered that he thought Italy had made two mistakes, the first when she sent an Ambassador to Madrid and the second when she negotiated a trade agreement with Franco. He added that one could not forget that Mussolini's intervention in the Spanish civil war contributed to Franco's victory and that it would be hypocrital to affirm that the Spanish question should be solved by the Spanish people alone when it is known that this very people has been deprived of every means of expressing its will. Nenni then stated that in his opinion the Ambassador in Madrid should be withdrawn as soon as an opportunity offered, and that meanwhile it would be necessary to try and find a way of entering into relationship with the Spanish Republican Government now in France, in order to show the solidarity of the Italian and Spanish peoples.

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2. The ships "Vittorio Veneto" and "Ines Corrado" which were recently handed back to Italy by the Argentine will soon sail for Italy with a cargo of grain.

3. It is learned that a Delegation of the French Socialist Party headed by Leon Blum will also participate in the Congress of the Italian Socialist Party which is to open in Florence on April 11.

4. 4,000 tons of frozen fish are expected to arrive from the U.S. at the ports of Naples, Genoa, Palermo and Civitavecchia.

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5. Two Fascists who had been sentenced to death were executed yesterday in Volterra.

6. 7197 ex-POW from Britain landed yesterday in Naples.

7. Following the Allied warning to Marshal Tito, a spokesman of the Foreign Ministry declared yesterday that, although the statement dealt with facts which have been known only too well in Italian responsible circles for some time, they viewed with satisfaction the Allies' acknowledgement of the danger of the Julian situation.

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1. Ferdinando Storchi, commenting on the Communist appeal to the working classes to unite for the formation of a great labor party, says that under this appeal for brotherhood is disguised the desire of the Communist Party to become the "only" Party and form a dictatorship.

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2. Replying to "Don Nemesio's" article in "Avanti", i.g. says that if an agreement between the Church and Socialism is necessary, it is Socialism that must approach the Church, if it wants to survive. The Church, he concludes, has outlived many apparently eternal regimes.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

Postwar Relief Minister, On. Gasperotto, announced that the repatriation of POW from Russia has begun and that a first group of POW from India is on its way home. A speeding up of repatriation is to be expected, he added.

SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Commenting on the Persian question, S.XX points out that the Anglo-Russian conflict in this region is not a new fact in history. What the world is witnessing, it says, is not an outbreak of Russian imperialism but only an episode of capitalist competition, and concludes that Proletarian Russia's State Capitalism is more aggressive than other countries' private Capitalism.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Cesare Besini attacks a certain class of individuals, who, like cave animals, are afraid of the light, that is freedom, justice and a republic.

2. V.R. violently attacks the Monarchy for selling some of its real estate which, he says, will be requisitioned if the Monarchy louses at the elections.

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3. Ugo della Seta says that the present institutional crisis began during the Risorgimento and will now find its solution in a Republic. He also stresses that if the Monarchy gains the majority the Republican Party will respect the people's will.

MORNING PAPERS (March 29th)

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GLOBO (Economic)

1. On Saturday the Minister of Transport will reopen the Florence-Arezzo railroad.

2. The public works undertakings in Campania will cost about 2675 million lire.

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3. A Norwegian commercial delegation is expected in Rome on April 6th.

4. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade is compiling a list of all the articles which can be bought on foreign markets and will explain the methods of purchase and payment.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action) - N.N.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Gilberto Lama, replying to some of the most usual arguments in favor of the republic, says that there is not a single one of them that cannot be used in favor of the Monarchy. He also says that many so-called "meek-democrats" have taken position against the Monarchy because they are afraid of being called "Fascist and reactionary" by the extreme left, although it is well known that those people use such terms against anyone belonging to other parties.

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Giuseppe Sala comments at length on Finocchiaro Aprile's triumphal return to Palermo and says that, mainly thanks to the efforts of the Christian Democrats, the Sicilian problem will soon be settled and Sicily freed for ever from political banditry.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Commenting on the Allied High Command statement that "in Zone A no attempts will be tolerated that may prejudice the final settlement of the territory", R.L. says that Tito meanwhile has effected the settlement in Zone B. It is time for Italy to take a firm stand, says the paper, approving De Gasperi's

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statement that an unacceptable peace will not be signed, and pointing out that the words "Italianity of Trieste" appeared frequently, in Togliatti's speech. "Those who claim to be Italians in Trieste or Gorizia", it concludes, are the first line defence of European civilisation".

2. SIDI learns from reliable sources that in his interview with a personality close to the Foreign Office, Ambassador Carandini received assurances that the British Government would back Italy's views on the Alto Adige question.

TEMPO (Independent)

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March 30, 1946.

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GENERAL

1. The COUNCIL OF MINISTERS met again yesterday and Minister Cattani carried the proposal that the symbols for the Monarchy and the Republic be slightly changed. The Monarchy will be represented by a crown placed over the Savoy coat of arms, and both symbols will have as a background the outline of the Italian peninsula. Minister Gasparotto then reported on the Ex-POWs, pointing out that Great Britain has already returned 143,000 POWs out of 409,000. France 39,791 out of 67,791, U.S. 60,000 out of 60,000, and Russia 1,000. The Council decided to postpone to April 30 the date on which the epuration process must be completed in the Northern provinces, and definitely approved the decree concerning the seizure of war-profits by the State. Another decree on luxury taxes was approved. The Council allotted 328 million lire for the reconstruction of war-damaged State proterty. A decree authorizing the State mint to issue metal coins of 1, 2, 5 and 10 lire replacing the paper money now in circulation, was passed by the Council pending the approval of the Consulta. A 50 per cent increase of the long-distance telephone rates was also approved. A heated debate then took place on the mine clearing question, as it resulted that 250,000 hectares of ground are still mined and that 14 million working days would be required to clear them. The discussion, which turned on what Ministry was competent in the matter, was concluded by assigning the responsibility to the Ministry for War.

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5. Three ships bearing 10,300 former Italian POWs, almost half of all Italian personnel held in India, are now enroute from India to Italy and will dock at Naples, the Allied Commission announced today.

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6. Sig. Bonomi declared that the group led. by Parri and La Malfa will not adhere to his Democratic Concentration.

7. The Allied Investigating Commission, on leaving Gorizia, visited the villages of Merna and Dolegna and other places in the Isonzo Valley.

8. The Allied Troops in Trieste have been confined to barracks owing to the tense situation. It is also reported that the emergency plan of the Allied Command would be divided in three phases, the first of which has already been actuated, the second phase contemplates the evacuation from the town of the civilian relatives of the Allied Troops, the third would be a forward movement of the troops.

9. The director of the Slav-Communist newspaper of Trieste, "Il Lavoratore", has been sentenced to a 100,000 lire fine or 6 months' imprisonment by the AMG tribunal for having printed false news against the civilian police.

10. Mr. Hoover in his first telegraphic report to President Truman has affirmed that the present food situation in Italy, France and North Africa is difficult but bearable if the actual rations can be maintained.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS (March 29th)

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ITALIA-SERA

Under heading "what is the U.A.I.S.", I.S. describes the programme, the leaders and the aims of the "Unione Antifascista Italo Slovena" (Italo-Slovene Antifascist Union).

LAVORO (C.G.I.L.)

1. Nino Gaeta emphasizes the importance of the agreement in principle, concluded by the C.G.I.L. and the Confederation of Industry, on the unification of salaries.

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2. Quinto Tosatti, commenting on Gastone Manacorda's article in "Unità", says that higher education must be open to all those worthy of a better culture.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - N.N.

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2. G. prints Eduardo Stolfi's statements on the Republican party's relations with the Badoglio Government.

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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2. Sen. Umberto Ricci criticises the proposed formation of the E.N.A.S. (National Autonomous Office of Highways) as it would have authority over the provincial and communal administrations. He recalls that a similar project was prepared during the Fascist Government and rejected by the Ministry of Interior in order to protect the local authorities.

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3. Bucci, criticising the depriving of Marshal Badoglio of his Senatorship, writes a brief history of his life pointing out his useful anti-fascist activity.

MINUTO

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Commenting on the Constitutional problem and the short time remaining before the electors must pronounce on the question, R.L. emphasizes parties' responsibility for the enlightenment of the Italian people on this matter.

2. R.L. comments on the incidents which impeded Minister Brosio's speech in Terni, and protests against the "regime of liberty" which, due to the communists, is prevailing in Terni.

3. Commenting on the defence presented by the Duke of Acquarone, R.L. quotes from the latter's lengthy memo which contains interesting revelations on the coup d'etat which overthrew fascism, the situation which followed up to 8th September, and the King's escape.

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TEMPO (Independent)

Minister Gasparotto made some statements in yesterday's Council of Ministers on the general situation of POW, announcing particularly that negotiations with Allied authorities are now in course aiming at the gradual release of POW in "5" camp near Taranto.

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GENERAL

1. ANSA reports from Gorizia that the Allied Investigation Commission returned to Trieste yesterday. Among the numerous persons arrested in Gorizia by the Military and Civil Police were several Slavs from the Countryside and even from Zone B.

2. The Gazzetta Ufficiale published yesterday the decree on the new urban telephone rates which will take effect on April 1.

3. De Gasperi participated in yesterday's session of the National Congress of the Ex-POW Committee. The Prime Minister affirmed that the Government was always concerned with the Ex-Servicemen's problem and would do everything possible to speed up their repatriation, but, he said, the greatest difficulty was that of the shortage of transport. A demonstration in favour of the Italianity of Trieste took place during the session.

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11. Giornale del Mattino reports that Tito is amassing several armoured vehicles in the Postumia plain, some of which are 34-ton Russian tanks.

12. A violent demonstration was held yesterday in Foggia by nearly a thousand exServicemen and unemployed masons, who invaded and ransacked the municipial offices. The demonstrators then went to the railway station and attacked the Bologna-Bari train, on which where some black-marketers who organized a fierce resistance with gun fire and even hand-grenades. The demonstrators, three of whom had been severely injuried, made a second charge and succeded in getting on to the train, where they ransacked everything they could find, causing the death of one traveller and the wounding of 18 others. Finally the train departed but under the control of some smugglers who made it stop several times in the countryside in order to raid livestock and other perishable goods in order to recoup themselves for the losses suffered.

13. It is officially announced that the Liberal and Labor-Democrat parties and the Union for Reconstruction have united to form the National Democratic Union. The national flag placed under a star flanked by two ears of wheat will be the symbol of the Union for the elections. The Union will shortly make an appeal to the country.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

Mario Lupinacci violently attacks the decree of senatorial expulsion passed by the High Court of Justice against Marshal

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Badoglio accusing the High Court of "serving the present policy of the Government which is to discredit the Italian Army and Navy to the Italian people". "As Marshal Badoglio, - he says,- personifies by his career all the traditions of the Italian Army, this decree is not only attacking Marshal Badoglio himself, but with him all the Italian Army officers who have participated in the liberation of Italy and stood for Italy not only against the occupying enemy but alongside the new Allies." "Marshal Badoglio, - he continues,.- will always remain above these trifles; history will always remember his name, and will always honour the statesman who lead Italy on July 25th and at Salerno, and the General of Sabotino and Addis Abeba." As for his title of Duke of Addis Abeba, which was cancelled by the High Court, Lupinacci recalls that the titles of Napoleon's generals were at a time cancelled, and quotes the words of an Austrian ambassador who opposed it "because by them I honour the sacrifices of the French soldiers who died at Waterloo more then the cause which made God decide the loss of the battle".

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2. Lamberti Sorrentino reports from Sicily that separatism is a fake exploited by the High Commissariate, on behalf of Demo-Christians, to work in favour of the Monarchy.

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

1. Commenting on the Liberal party's communique on the Terni incidents, B. continues its attacks against the De Gasperi Govt.

2. Giannini attacks Giovanni Conti's reply to Eduardo Conti.

3. B. says that it was a mistaken policy for De Gasperi to suggest the Wilson Line as limit of the concessions contemplated by the Government in the Julian question.

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GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government) N.N.

GLOBO (Economic)

1. The decree forbidding compensation to be paid to foreign countries for the purchase of foreign goods has considerably reduced imports to Italy.

2. 16,000 tons of corn are in the two ships that the Argentine Government is returning to Italy.

3. Some of the coal that the Allies will send to Italy during the month of April will be from the Ruhr.

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1. R.L. prints an interview with Minister Corbino in which he affirms that the dispute over his statement on the State employees was unjustified. Minister Corbino recalls the defense he made two months ago in their favour in the Consulta, and says that corrupt elements should be eliminated from the Administration.

2. It seems that since the 25 March the Allies are giving Italy complete independence in the diplomatic field, and returning the frontier control to Italian Administration, says R.L.

3. R.L. comments on Minister Romita's decision not to visit Terni and says that it is the Minister's duty to take action against those responsible for the disorders, in order to prevent similar incidents in the future.

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TEMPO (Independent)

Commenting on the formation of the Democrat bloc and the impending manifesto by its leaders, T. expresses its satisfaction in the long awaited agreement among the "Vecchia Guardia". The ex-presidents to not intend to abandon their individual views on the Institutional and political problems, it says, but the basis for an agreement has been reached, and the joint manifesto will, no doubt, call for unity, respect for Freedom, and progressive economic and social reform .

UNITA' (Communist)

U. prints Togliatti's statements to a representative of Milano Sera. Commenting on the Liberal Party, Togliatti pointed out that politics are neither literature nor philosophy, and that the Liberal's policy should be clearer. Replying to a question on his alleged conflict with De Gasperi, he affirmed that, were it necessary, De Gasperi could come to an understanding more easily with him (Togliatti) than with anybody else, and he said the Demochristian leaders must decide whether their party was for social and political progress or for defense of conservatism. As for the electoral propaganda in the churches, he declared that it was principally a matter for the believers themselves. On the bloc created by Bonomi, he said he though it was a complicatedmanoeuvre to save the Monarchy, and that consequently it would not appeal to the electors.

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