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2. Candidus says that the Italians have given too effusive a welcome to the Allies, writes Carlo Sal... It should be remembered that the Italians had been living in a kind of jail for twenty years. The majority of the Italians were antifascist; they were betrayed in accepting Fascism because they believed that it would re-establish order, and that law would again be the same for all. Their war was declared against the Allies they had to fight, but the war of the Allies was always the secret war of the Italian people.

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3. The C.L.N. asks the Chiefs of the United Nations that Italy be authorized to have a national army, to contribute more efficaciously to the re-conquest of national independence and to the victory of liberty.

4. Statement of the Undersecretary of War: the Council of Ministers has approved a regulation by which the soldiers will have better food and their families a larger allotment. It will be impossible for the Allies not to acknowledge the efforts and sacrifices which the Italians have made at their side.

5. Something should be done about the trucks for civilian transport. their owners will not even discuss the question of prices and simply ignore the regulations made on this subject.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Commenting on Badoglio's declaration to the United Press agency, that he is always ready to form a new Govt if Prince Umberto asks him to do so, V.R. says that the old general betrays an unquenchable desire to be always in the limelight. Has he forgotten that he was Mussolini's Chief of Staff ? He evidently dreams of being the dictator of a Copperhic dictatorship; as we cannot hope that the Bonomi Govt will keep an eye on him, the people must.

2. General D'Amelio has denied having accused Bonomo. Has he forgotten that he is mentioned in the Badoglio files, with dates and facts? To understand his lack of memory it suffices to know that he volunteered for the Spanish war "for high Fascist ideals in foreign lands"; that in Northern Africa he was a faithful friend of the Germans, so much so that he was finally chosen by the Fascist Govt to represent the Royal Air Force at the German High Command in Italy; these, memory or no memory, are facts.

3. Having summarized the Sicilian events after the fourth of Jan., V.R. says that the Italian Govt insults the islanders by calling them "Rivoltosi" just because they affirm, against violence, the island's right to have its regional political and administrative problems solved within national unity.

4. Savich defended himself by saying that he had joined Fascism only out of spirit of discipline; and then, always for discipline's sake, he had agreed to be made a "squadrista" and "Marcia su Roma". So now he pays for illegal appropriation.

5. Mario Brunetti, in "Vie dell'Aria" in 1942 wrote that the American Air Force would have to retire to Southern Australia in order to show off in "parade flights"... No American air offensive is possible... Japan has nothing to fear... India will soon

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8. Maria Lopalma to be moved from the nursing home to Regina Coeli.

9. A group of young "Alpini" have repeatedly torn off a copy of Voce Repubblicana, which was hung outside the Republican Party seat at Aquila.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Churchill's statement that the war will continue until the unconditional surrender of Germany is to be applauded, says Avanti. If by Germany is meant Hitler's Germany. There is another Germany which, when the time comes, should receive the help and understanding of the Allies. The same is true of Italy, for the Italy of Mussolini or even Badoglio (who did not start the war to be sure but organized it, though the Allies seem to have forgotten this) deserves no consideration. But the present Italy should receive very different treatment. It is to be hoped that the appeal of the C.L.N. (in yesterday's paper) will lead to a reexamination of Italy's position and to the repeal of the humiliating terms which were meant for the other Italy. It serves no one's purpose, says Avanti - certainly it is not in the best interests of France, Yugoslavia or Greece - to continue to merely beaten nation to "moral leprosy".

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3. Statement of Senatore Ratti is not to be tried for his behaviour in Yugoslavia or after the war during but solely for "common crimes" committed in the period of the special terroristic section (for dissolved).

4. Ironic article of Sabelpino on the "technical" attitude of the Govt now has to all to take. Faith and enthusiasm are wanted rather than "technique", says the writer.

5. An unfavorable impression has been created in financial circles by the report, now authenticated, that Badoglio of the Banco d'Italia is now in Switzerland. It was felt that his presence may hamper the normal development of the delicate negotiations being carried on by Stucchi and Quaglieri.

6. Stettinius hopes the new Italian Ambassador will soon be named. As to whether it would be a good thing he said he could not say.

POLITICAL SITUATION (Action)

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4. Invoke article of Bonomi on the "technical" attitude of the Court to make the call to arms. Action and enthusiasm are wanted rather than "technique", says the writer.

5. An unfavourable impression has been created in Canadian circles by the recent, now authenticated, visit to Rome of the Duke d'Italia is now in Washington. It is felt that his presence may hamper the normal development of the delicate negotiations being carried on by Churchill and Roosevelt.

6. Statement that the new Italian Ambassador will soon be known. As to whether it would be Tarchiani he could not say.

10.II. Lisbon (Lecture)

1. Leading article in support of C.L.N. declaration of yesterday. It is wanted to join, "without sectarian discriminations" the family of democratic nations in a renascent Europe. And it must be made clear that the new military formations which are to be the instrument of a victorious democracy, can have no connection with the old army "condemned to failure in an ignominious war". These things being clearly understood the youth of liberated Italy will fight with the same zeal and devotion as the partisans.

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Answering to another question he said that Mussolini, Hitler and other great war criminals will be punished following common allied decisions.

5. Colonel Clayton Lowe, vice-chief of the Allied Military Mission at the Italian Army has declared that all forces and reserves of the Italian Army are used by the Allies for immediate necessities of the war effort. But the Italians must realize, he went on, that with all the complications of modern war, the organization of a modern Army requires a very long time. I.N.'s comment: we thank for the kind words but we want to fight with arms in hand, and not only to help.

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3. "Abyssinians will administer their territory but British Counsellors will remain". This, in a few words, is the summary of the Anglo-Abyssinian agreement. Federico Sp.d. goes through the history of the Italian conquest and loss of Abyssinia.

4. Antonio Baldini is shocked by the language one hears in mouths of little children; their preferred games are "thief and victim", "gangsters" and so on. This specially happens towards evening.

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Perhaps a few street lamps would dissuade small boys from such games which are a sign of the present moral disintegration.

PWPO (Independent)

1. How is it possible to defend the Lire? What about the currency which is being issued in the North? It might be possible to differentiate the currency which is issued in liberated Italy from that of North Italy, but such a differentiation would have to be applied to all bank-notes which are at present in circulation in the liberated zone. There is always the risk that many deserving families would suffer by this operation for not having known in time about the new regulation.

2. The Department of the Interior has requested the Prefects to check the lists of the members of the 'Giunte Amministrative' and of the Mayors to see that no undesirable elements should manage to get in. In case of new appointments, strict inquiries must be made.

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CORRIERE

1. Statement of Eden: 'The Italian Government has no right to get back its colonies, but the fate of the said colonies must be studied'. Eden answered many questions about the Greek situation and finally

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said that the confidence shown by the British Government in the Regent came from its being convinced that the Archbishop could fulfil this difficult task better than any other man. - Eden regretted the publication in the 'Soviet War News' of the statement calling the Polish Government of London the 'lackey of Hitlerism in Germany'.

2. Acerbo, fascist "hierarch", arrested in Pescara.

3. Four articles about the Roatta, Caracciolo, Infuso trial.

IL GIORNALE PUBBLICO

1. Those who live in Rome and have not come from it for a long time, are still surprised that they cannot just go to the station and step into a train. They must realize that owing, first to Allied bombing and then to German destruction and mining, almost the entire Italian railway system has been destroyed. The work to be faced was much more difficult than if it had to be started from the beginning, because of all the rubble which has to be removed. But, thanks to the Allies' help and to the good will and constant work of our people, writes Corbino, Minister of Transport, a great deal has been done. Hundreds of Kms of rails have been renewed, bridges have been rebuilt, tunnels have been reopened, engines and cars have been put into working conditions again. In Sicily and Sardinia all railways function already, and in Southern Italy 85 % of them.

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7. Tomorrow the collecting of blankets for "sinistrati" will start.

8. Gronchi and Paresce about to leave for Sicily in order to examine main economic and social problems of the island.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. It seems that the civilian population has been evacuated from Mantova owing to difficulty of supplying food.

2. At last a new party! The need for it was felt! It is the M.U.I. (Movimento Unionista Italiano) which wants Italy "to accept the American Democratic constitution, and to be united to the U.S. Italian citizens should have the same rights as Americans". We understand admiring U.S., says R., but we do not understand wanting to become one of its states.

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3. Voce Repubblicana complains that the Minister of Treasury keeps five fascist institutes for trade at a time when trade is practically non-existent. The armistice clauses have entirely blocked Italian trade; even Bulgaria managed to get better conditions. The only way to rehabilitate trade is to respect free initiative, and the liberty of producing, trading, saving and lending.

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4. Commenting on the Resondino case, Voce Repubblicana says that the House of Savoy tries hard to save its servants.

5. Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill will meet at the end of January, probably in the Middle East.

6. The English Encounists are not satisfied with the Greek truce, which did not solve any of the problems which make the situation dangerous. They are going to send a delegation to the Prime Minister to ascertain his intentions about Greece.

7. Russia has not invited De Gaulle to the Anglo-American-Soviet meeting.

8. Statement of Churchill: we will go on till Germany surrenders without conditions.

9. Commenting on a letter by General Cadorna, Argo writes that under fascism 'our names' figured on a special list of 'dangerous subversive people'; they will now probably figure again on the lists of the Carabinieri, as 'dangerous reactionaries'.

10. Assistance to the refugees: the groups organized by the Allied Sub-Commissions have accommodated 150.363 refugees. Great help given by UNRRA.

11. Many representatives of the Roman parties have asked for the suppression of the Undersecretariat for the Press and Information, and for full freedom of press.

12. The allotment of electric power is made by people who know nothing about the question.

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prime Minister to reconcile his differing views

7. Russia is not invited to take part in the Anglo-American-Soviet meeting.

8. Statement of Churchill's that will go on till enemy surrenders without conditions.

9. Commenting on a letter by General Orlando, Arese writes that under Fascism 'our names' figured on a special list of 'dangerous subversive people'; they will now rob big figure again on the lists of the Carabinieri, as 'dangerous reactionaries'.

10. Assistance to the refugees the people organized by the Allied Sub-Commissions have reconducted 153,301 refugees. Great help given by UNRRA.

11. Many representatives of the Roman Press have asked for the suppression of the Undersecretariat for Press and Information, and for full freedom of press.

12. The allotment of electric power is made by people who know nothing about the question.

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N.S.I. (Socialist)

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4. Ufficio Stampa dell' Presidenza held press conference, gave some statistics on recent disorders in provinces of Foggia and Agrigento.

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5. Communique from War Ministry stating No.4th has been suspended.

6. Returning prisoners of war caught in they are meeting coldness and indifference. This is profoundly sad, says writer, it should be remembered that those who suffered imprisonment or wounds before the 8 Sept. are just as worthy of our understanding and sympathy as others. Indeed we should see in these returning POWs the victims of fascism and, on humane grounds, we should certainly try to make them feel welcome after their years of exile.

7. The state announces that it has met all its obligations to investors. But what about its obligations to the workers? asks Avanti.

8. Complaint that the bonus given employees by Treasury Ministry last December is only for a part in new and unfairly distributed.

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II.II. Hitler (Action)

1. Tor Vergata to be drawn. Acts of aggression and violence, fascist in character, are on the increase, writes Francesco Fancello, citing cases from Avanti and Unità of recent date. These are symptoms of the reaction. Of course it will not call itself reaction - we may expect to find it hiding behind the cloak of any party whose general program may suit its purposes - for example among the separatists or the Monarchists or even Bourbonists. Reaction, beginning in the South, would doubtless have a harder time than Fascism in making headway in the North. Nevertheless the government should be on its guard. It should identify itself with the people (as the people and the C.L.N. are identified in occupied Italy) and act vigorously as the first line of defence against the forces of reaction. It is to be hoped that there is no similarity between the govt of Salandi and that of Facta.

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4. De Figueiro, recently named Commissario of I.M. should be removed, thinks I.I., as he is incompetent.

5. Bonomi is to be suffering from heart disease.

6. Gentile De Sanctis returns to his post at U. of Rome.

IT.III. RUOV. (Democrat)

1. Since the recruiting posters have reached one hears a great

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that feeling of unity which is at present being dissipated by our innumerable miseries.

2. Commenting on the communiqué issued by the Ufficio Stampa of the Presidency, allowing the publication of the "Giornale del Mattino", Bisouf says the solution is a scandalous one; it is an insult to freedom of Press. This "independent" organ will be controlled by the State, and it enjoys the maximum paper allowance. So, instead of the Corriere di Roma, which, for military reasons was supported by the Allies, we now have this new paper protected by the Italian Govt, to which will naturally go the greatest amount of publicity. All this, ends Bisouf, leads us to realize that after all Mussolini was only a small country journalist, compared with Avvocato Rossini; we hope nobody will underrate the ability of some pre-Fascist men.

3. Arangio Ruiz in his talk said that it is impossible to carry out important school reforms before the liberation of the whole of Italy; but something, all the same, ought to be done immediately, writes Simplicius; the School Medal Unic. should be abolished and all programs should be freed of the heavy burden of the scaffolding.

4. It is all right to change the OND in ONM, but it is not enough; anyhow the Dopolavoro was not a fascist institution, but some of the people in it are; we should very much like to know the new employees who have been chosen; and why does not the Institution do something for the "sinistrati" and the shelterless.

5. One of the Italia Nuova editors was assaulted the other night by four Allied soldiers.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. While the Commission for revision of Codes is already working, other reforms arouse the interest of the Govt and of the people. Mainly the Judiciary and the Penitentiary ones, writes Umberto Tupini. Magistrature must attain prestige and indipendence; in other words, freedom from need in the economic field and freedom from fear in the political one.

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2. Against "Giustizia e Libertà" which writes that the Catholic Church was allied with Fascism and documents this affirmation by recalling deeds and misdeeds occurred during the Spanish war. What about all those priests killed by the Germans, asks il Popolo.

3. De Gasperi, questioned whether he thought women should vote, said that they decidedly should; they deserve to, from the social point of view, and their sensibility could give a new direction to the political life of the Country.

4. "Sud" reviews a book by Barrès on De Gaulle, which, he says, should be translated into Italian.

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5. The "metamorphosis of the Messagero". How can the Press Commission, asks il Popolo, set down conditions concerning the profits of a newspaper ?

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. During these last years all countries have given up their agricultural specialisations, and have endeavoured to produce a little of everything, from guns to medicines, from materials to razor blades. This fact has mostly damaged Western Europe which used to export all sorts of industrial products so as to import food for its population which cannot possibly live on what is produced in the zone. In other words, writes Treves, this war - desired by Germany so as to conquer a great economic space for her industries - has only caused an enormous disaster to European economy. No Country will now want to risk again having to throw away or burn tons and tons of crops, just because nobody can buy them, or for lack of transport. A future equilibrium can only be founded, says the writer, if national egotism is abandoned.

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3. The Italo-French negotiations are still going on. The accounts recently appearing in the newspapers have been denied by the chief of the press office of the Presidency of the Council. No statement can as yet be made.

4. It is all very well to sequester the property of the Fascists, but many of the owned firms or factories, and this is causing a great deal of unemployment.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Unità comments on the C.L.N.'s claim for an Italian army: it expresses the will of the Italian nation, and asks the Chiefs of the great democracies to acknowledge the right of the Italian nation to fight the common enemy. It is more important to modify the armistice conditions than to know them, and they can only be modified by increasing the war effort. The defeat of Fascism has really been a victory for the Italian nation. At present, the Italians of liberated Italy must ask for the permission to fight; besides they must also ask for the nation to be put in such conditions as make fighting possible.

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4. The Suvich trial: he denies having participated in the murder of King Alexander, and says he advised Mussolini against making war.

5. Bonomi has declared that the rebels will be punished; indulgence will be shown to those who have been deceived.

6. The famous "gangster" called " the hunch-back of Quarticciolo" killed by police.

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6. It is said that Maritain has been appointed French Ambassador to the holy See.

7. There should be less talk about the 'Camionette' and more facts. The population asks for less expensive prices.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Still our war. Urbanus writes that Italians are still not satisfied that they are fighting their war. They have fought one war already and sacrificed themselves for objectives that were not truly theirs; they want to fight this one but they want to be sure it is for their real aims. They ask that they be given the right to fight for the common cause - and this right has not yet been given them. The appeals of the C.L.N. and the government remain unanswered. What has the government done to translate into action the will of the people?

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2. Harold Laski, Chairman of the British Party Conference has sent Nenni a message in which he reveals his hope that the Congress may have been a first step towards reconstruction of the Socialist Internationale.

3. A group of Socialist belonging to various Nations, has

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issued in London a monthly revew, called "The left News" in which it proclaims that either Socialism will be Internationalism or it will not exist at all. It recently published declarations of the Atlantic Charter, on Spain, on Italy and on the Future International. The one dedicated to Italy contains the list of all Italian Socialist and Democratic victories and ends by saying that it is not enough to congratulate Italy for those victories, but that she must also be helped out of the paradoxical and contradictory situation in which she finds herself at present.

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3. Approves UNITA's remarks of 24 January on the advisability of limiting number of papers and having one C.L.N. daily in every city and one weekly for each of the parties.

4. Rumour of Saragat's being named as Italy's representative in Paris.

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5. Still on the gobbo case. I.L. is sceptical about many of the rumours but feels police should not only push investigations but report on their findings. One Col. Pecorelli of the Carabinieri has stated that there is no evidence to connect Salvarezza with the gobbo....Meanwhile preparations are being made for another round up of bandits.

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about armed would be unimaginable in a democratic country.

9. On the omissions. The matter should be solved expeditiously.

10. Further bitter remarks on the profiteering of certain farmacie.

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4. Segni, Undersecretary for Agriculture, in his address at the second Agricultural Meeting, spoke of the necessity of increasing cattle production in the less devasted areas.

5. In Naples 40 Grms of coffee, in Rome 25 newspapers. For professional solidarity we do not comment on the fact, but we cannot help agreeing with Unità terming it a press "elefantiasi".

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6. Gronchi, Minister of Industry, Labour and Commerce, visited industrial plants at Isola del Liri and Sora and addressed the workmen, stating the necessity of restarting work and promising Government support.

7. Whenever AMG pokes its nose somewhere, things seem to go wrong. That is what is happening with the "communettisti". After all the Allies asked AMG only to control distribution of petrol.

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2. De Gasperi underlined the very difficult situation in which the financial clauses of the armistice have put Italy. Last October, Roosevelt said that Italy would get a credit in for the amount of the pay of the American troops in Italy. No action has yet been taken writes Tempo. Besides, the British Government has not agreed to do the same, and yet the number of the British forces amounts to three times the number of the American ones. It is to be feared that inflation might reach its extreme limits as in Greece under German occupation. If Italy is completely ruined, the Allies will have lost a battle on moral as well as on material ground.

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3. There is no paper in Naples, but Rome has 26 daily papers. Nobody seems to realize that there are only five printing offices (for daily papers) in Rome which can produce from 12 to 14 newspapers, and nothing more.

4. What will be the fate of the lira? Tempo considers the financial situation of Belgium and Greece and also of Germany and Russia after the last war. The future of the lira is closely linked to Italy's capacity for rehabilitation, which the Allies must not hamper.

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2. Council of Ministers: De Gasperi communicates the official information he got from London about the true meaning of Churchill's words; the Minister has expressed his satisfaction for the acknowledgement that Italy will once more be able to participate in the future political system, thus resuming her rank among the great European powers.

3. The Council then examined and approved a number of decrees concerning ordinary administration; among them one which renders

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compulsory the restitution of furniture and other objects belonging to the State, and one assigning food indemnities to families of employees transferred in Northern Italy; it also decided to suppress the Ente Stampa, created by Fascism, and approved of a decree on increased pay to the Navy.

4. The classes which have been called under arms are answering the draft regularly.

5. A conference of the German Supreme Command took place. It seems that every effort will be made to defend the Oder line, to save the industrial area of Silesia. - Whether Hitler participated in the conference is not known. - It is possible that the German troops may leave North Italy.

6. The Yugoslav Government in London and all Yugoslav Associations have asked Dr. Subasic to proceed with his work and to enforce the agreement made with Tito.

7. It is said that the Germans intend to turn Milan into a second Stalingrad.

8. According to U.P. dispatch Roosevelt is said to be in favour of separating Ruhr and Rhine-Land from Germany.

9. According to the "Associated Press" a German mission presided over by Von Papen, is said to be in Madrid so as to see what peace conditions Germany might obtain.

10. Bonomi, recently repatriated from Switzerland has been appointed General Secretary of the High Commissariat for sanctions against fascism.

11. Spacci Popolari are beginning to function; fruit and vegetables at lower prices, wine with ration cards.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Niente di nuovo.

POPOLO (Independent Catholic)

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3. Bonomi's radio talk summarized. Pointed out deficiency of Fascist organization, said that government was exploring the serious situation created by suppression of railroad for prolonged for last four years. Discussed other terminal matters.

4. Comment on mobilization decree. It says the call to arms has an enormous political and moral significance. The nation is arising again and an armed nation with a victory to its credit will be able to speak with frankness and to have a voice in the formation of the new Europe.

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VATICAN (Enlightenment Catholic)

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3. Taglia's radio talk summarized. Pointed out delicacy of Fascist organization, said that government was regarding the serious situation created by cessation of concerns for permanent for last four years. Discussed other technical matters.

4. Comment on mobilization decree. It says the call is open and on entirely political and moral significance. The nation is calling again and an armed nation with a victory to its credit will be able to speak with firmness and to have a voice in the formation of the new Europe.

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6. Suggests that AFHQ come up with "occupation authorities" the possibility of new power being allotted. And meanwhile wait about using Lucca Y As for telephone - patience.

7. Gasparotto named Air Minister.

RISORGIMENTO (1 hour Democrat)

1. Close agreement between France and Italy is absolutely necessary for the future peace of the world, writes F.S. The grievances of France are easy to understand, but a sound and realistic foreign policy should forget grievances in the interest of all concerned. It was rumoured that France was making territorial claims; this seems hardly credible and would definitely be against the will of the inhabitants. There is only one problem, that of Tunis. The Italian colony does not want to longer be a liability

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MORNING REPORTS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Bracco writes on "War and the politics of war". The urgency of Italy at this moment is to fight. Of that there can be no doubt. The insistence of the Socialist party that there should be certain reforms, certain concessions and a clearer understanding of the should not be regarded as an effort to sabotage the war effort but rather as an attempt to intensify it. For to close our eyes to the resignation and diffidence of the people is pure "conformismo" and has resulted in the split vision in Sicily among other things. Bracco closes with a statement of the Party's intention to continue to work with the Communists and not to be drawn in to a Center group.

2. Comment on Solari's remarks at a meeting of Italy yesterday. Solari dicsd dsed intention of providing a policy for the Partito d'Italia. But it is he who should form the policy. This statement reveals a lack of ideas on his part. And, ironically, it was Giannini the technician, who outlined a policy - an old and untrustworthy one, things the writer. (R.S.)

3. Defense of Avanti's role on the civil to trade, criticism in I.D. Gino Piano on Bergmet's raids above; accuses the "Patriches" of I.D. of being wilful reactionaries.

4. Democracy in Persons. Calls on attempt of the workers of the Mediterro to publish workers paper with participation of the skilled workers in the administration. This, of the Avanti, the voted powers, is now properly ignored by the Persons.

5. No crises in the Persons. Various solutions are possible for the Corriere di Na... One thing is clear: it must not go to the Persons.

6. Students meeting to support civil to trade end in wrangling and dissension. Avanti concludes that evidently there are many students who do not want to fight in the "Anglo" Fascists.

7. Notes with indignation that Gen. Roatt has not been apurated. On 2 Dec. the Committee in Ministry found "insufficient" cause. "Fantastic", says A.

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2. Comment on Colorni's remarks ... in the light of its ... Colorni discusses the formation of ... a policy for the Comm. d'Italia. But it is he who should form the policy. This statement reveals a lack of ideas on his part. And, ironically, it was Ventotene, who outlined a policy - ... an untrustworthy one, unlike the writer. (n.e.)

3. Defense of Amendola's remarks on the call to arms, criticized in I.B. Stone likes to ... Amendola avoids overt "doctrines" of L.C. of being without motion rifles.

4. Democracy ... Terrone. Talk of strength of the workers of the Mezzogiorno to publish a workers paper with participation of the skilled workers in the Federation. This, of the Amendola, was voted yesterday and was promptly ... by the Terrone.

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Italian Affairs (Action)

1. I.B. reproduces an article appearing in the Florence "Il Popolo del Popolo" in which the Duchess C.L.N. says that the Consultative Assembly should ... before the Administrative elections take place, as these could ... by the C.L.N. such a control is specially needed in the South, where fascist Prefects are still at their posts. What is the main and central political question the moment, it asks? The C.L.N., representa the resistance of the Italian Democratic revolution, against the C.L.Ns. we find the residues of fascism and pre-fascism. In the coming elections the people will have ... clearly if they are for or against the C.L.Ns; they should know by now that the party spirit is an ally of tyranny. It is not very interesting today

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[illegible] of such improvements.

3. Beatrice Cenci says that vote for women must be the first courageous affirmation of new solidarity, denying such a right to women shows the narrow-minded mentality of too many of the so-called champions of freedom. Their ideal of woman is still "Donna onesta tutta casa e fede".

4. 50 grams of tobacco besides the usual civilian rations will be distributed starting next week.

5. Why has the STAMPA stopped talk simply to newspaper editors working in the print-room ?

6. There is a tendency - more among ordinary men - to point to the "German menace" and to ask for guarantees of safety, of punishment, or partition of Germany; by so doing these people hope that men themselves and their crimes and their passion will be forgotten. This is entirely wrong, says Alec Cairncross; we must either be all punished or else be all - even Germany - called upon to contribute to the reconstruction of Europe. Anti-fascists resent being treated on the same level, but they must remember that in Germany too there is a movement of resistance, though it has not yet burst out in its full strength.

7. It seems that the police is beginning to get better organized in its fight against "black market" and open air gambling.

8. Rachele Mussolini has been denounced by a Roman lady, signora J.S., for illegal appropriation of the denouncers' personal "trousseau".

9. Sforza, speaking at Avellino, reviewed the reasons which caused the Action Party to abandon the Govt: the Communists' participation in the Govt is not sufficient to ensure efficiency, as Bonomi obeys a political vision which inevitably will lead the Country back into pre-Fascism. The working classes will represent the fibre of Italy's rebirth.

10. Sforza declared that this is the moment when the young generation can show its desire of contributing to the rehabilitation of Italy, by answering the call to arms with enthusiasm.

11. Parlingueri declared to the UNO that he intends to speed up the punishment of Fascist crimes.

12. Revision of taxable income, technical article by Bruno Visentini on the best way of carrying out such a revision.

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[illegible] that in order. Specifically Italians want abolition of the armistice clauses, guarantee of the integrity of national frontiers and an alliance "on the general level of the world war". It is for the government to make this clear to the Allies.

2. Report of ceremony at the Banco d'Italia. Long commentary by Vincenzo Lucci who claims that the policy of "State monopoly of money" which was so intensified under the fascists is essentially continuing under the present administration.

3. Cianca, Action Party leader, injured in motor accident in Naples.

4. Measures announced from Caracas to encourage Italian immigration into Venezuela.

5. Commissione Nazionale per le Stampa should have editors represented on it.

6. Student editions. .. Demonstrations yesterday to call publication of the armistice clauses before answering call to arms. They were interrupted by police shouting "Viva nostra vittoria" clamoring for unconditional participation in the war.

7. Visit of Senoni to [illegible] area.

8. Drive on for blankets and clothing for devastated areas. House to house collections to be made beginning the 17th.

9. Statements of troops and [illegible] on necessity of enthusiastic support of new army. Storza says rumour of armistice clause making Italy to supply men for objectives on which they will not be consulted is totally false. Bulgaro called attention to new measures for welfare of soldiers and family. He is desirous of doing all he can to improve lot of the soldiers; is grateful for cooperation of parties in making clear to the nation the vital necessity of carrying on the fight.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Five years of an unfortunate and unpopular war have exhausted Italy, writes Stefani Cioni; besides the Allies are making her feel the weight of the armistice clauses, no wonder therefore, the new[illegible] does not meet with great enthusiasm. Nevertheless, this is not the time to talk about monarchy or republic, and those who pretend the time of the war are not clear are not in good faith. Either Italy will be considered as a colony, or she has got to re-conquer herself.

2. The initiative for a greater contribution of Italy in the war must be supported by all Italians writes Popolo. It is perhaps

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3. Attack against the Agnelli family. These profiteers are responsible for the fate of the Italian nation. They should be made to give back their millions, and must not hope to redeem themselves by giving subsidies for the civilian population.

4. Togliatti and Nenni approve of the vote for women.

5. It is about time for the country to be informed about what has been done for the organization of the administrative elections, and the inclusion of women in electoral lists.

6. Introna is as guilty of collaboration with the Fascists and the Germans as Azzolini was.

7. There are still spies in the offices of the P.S.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press:

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1. Magistracy has resisted more than other institutions the pressure of Fascism, says Enrico Berlinguer in his book "The crisis of Justice under the Fascist regime". T.N. adds that the Cassation Court of Rome is a laudable example of this resistance.

2. Omodeo, in his speech at the Quirino, recalled the Sicilian movements of 1848.

3. Following an agreement between the A.C., the Prefect of Naples and the C.L.N., Benedetto Croce is going to sing at the San Carlo. Was it really necessary, asks R., to disturb even the

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C.L.N., for such a matter ? What will the C.L.N.A.I., which is occupied in a mortal fight, think of this ?

4. Is it really necessary that the Allies should Requisition the Palazzo Rucpoli and other private houses, when there are still so many houses and flats belonging to fascists which might be taken over ?

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The Allies should understand that by denying the patriots the right to go on fighting and by mortifying the enthusiasm of liberation, they weaken the democratic front.

2. Technical article on recruiting and instructing the Guardie

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3. In a State capable of guaranteeing all freedoms, we want a school which will teach our children to be better armed than we were against the temptations of nationalism. We want a public education which will give a high conception of freedom and of social life, outside the narrowness of classes and nations. (Carlo Muscetta)

4. The C.L.N.s of the Rome Province have voted an order of the day aiming at a solution of the problem of feeding the town.

5. Fourteen profiteers denounced for illicit taking of pastries.

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6. The prisoners who are in Germany will be able to send news to their families through the Nuncio in Berlin.

7. The Presidency of the Council states that 'in what concerns the enforcing of the law, Germany is to be considered an enemy nation'.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. It is inadmissible that the groups which supported the

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Fascist press should be given no ex for influencing public opinion.

2. Another article of Giuseppe Sala on the Sicilian situation: Sicilian youth does not want to fight because it is disappointed or indifferent. The Allies and the anti-Fascist forces have shown little consideration or comprehension for them.

3. Italy has a heart and hands to rebuild its economic structure if she is given the possibility to do so, writes Igor Spellman.

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2. Interview with Finocchiaro-Aprile: the separatists advise quiet. Sicilian youth would be willing to fight under Sicilian officers and under the red and yellow flag of Sicily.

3. Situation of the Merchant Navy. (Vittorio G. Rossi)

4. Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin should meet soon somewhere in the Middle East. It is said that before this meeting, there will be a meeting between Cass, Stettinius and Molotov.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. There is no doubt that Germany has lost the war. Why is she still fighting ? She is still fighting in the hope that she will be able to negotiate peace instead of surrendering without conditions. Germany wants it to be believed that she will fight to the last and that the fall of Berlin will create a chaos which might be dangerous for Europe. Germany tries to frighten people with communism, and attempts to divide the Allies while their division among the Allies would make a negotiated peace for the benefit of the reactionary classes.

2. Why does not the police do anything against black market ?

3. Concrete proposals of the C.L.N. 'Piemonte' for fighting speculators: transport should be allotted to the cooperatives, province blocks abolished etc.

OTHER.D

1. Gasperotto's speech: unity is necessary to obtain freedom and independence.

2. The Pius Commissariat for Alimentation begins to function today.

3. The British Press disapproves of the reservations made by King Peter of Yugoslavia. The British Government hoped the King had approved the Tito-Subasic Agreement. As in every other European country, any temporary Yugoslav government must be based on the resistance movements.

4. Maxwell Hamilton has been appointed representative of the United States in Finland.

5. A truce has been signed between V.L.A.S. and general Scobie. The V.L.A.S. forces will retire to the North and West of a certain line.

6. The representatives of U.N.R.R.A. have been received by Bonomi.

7. Macmillan presided at a meeting of the Italian and Allied delegations for reconstruction.

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3. In Germany, Italian soldiers have been interned as rebels and traitors. They are gathered in concentration camps without any assistance, lacking the most essential commodities.

4. According to the interpretation of some newspapers, when a group of rioters throw a bomb, it is an incident; when police agents try to protect themselves against more bombs, they are said to murder the people with great ferocity.

5. Why should only the administration be epurated? Epuration must be done equally for all; all the profiteers of the regime, with or without a card must be epurated. At present, Public Administration is getting more and more disorganized. (Mario Grisolia)

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6. Ruini inaugurated a system of control of the electric power plants. The Minister has thanked the Allied Commission for its collaboration.

7. Interview with Salvarezza a propos of the murder of the 'Hunchback': Salvarella says he knows many things but will not speak, for important 'personalities' who tried to buy his silence are involved in the case.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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2. Fascism in the schools. Is a constant menace and must be mercilessly repressed, writes Sub[illegible]no. Even in the University of Rome it must be noted with regret that the 12 professors who did not take the Fascist oath were reinstated not by right but by privilege. And Buonaiuti has not yet been allowed to return.

3. First meeting of the Lavoratori della Terra of Rome province held on Sunday. Resolutions passed for more intensive organisation of farmers and closer collaboration with the Camera del Lavoro. At the same time the first decision of the Commissione Provinciale for the concession of uncultivated land to the peasants was handed down, giving to the cooperative "La madre terra" of Rome portion of land which had been contested by the owners. The concession is to last 4 years and is conditioned by yearly payments to owners etc.

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2. It seems that the American Govt is studying plans for the gradual abolition of the Colonial system.

3. Concetto Marchesi has consented to direct the Ufficio Stampa of the Ministry for occupied Italy.

4. In the house of the Press-attaché of the British Embassy, a meeting took place between British M.Ps. and Italian journalists; Italian internal and foreign policy was discussed.

5. Mr. William H. Braine named chief of the Labour Sub-commission at the A.C.

6. Gang of forgers discovered by the Police; 180.000 lire and all machinery to print currency found.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. "The only teacher of freedom is freedom itself", according to Salvemini and La Piana in their recent book "What to do with Italy"; they are right, says Luzzatto, but they forget that the 1550 years of dictatorship have created among everybody habits of secrecy, which still persist. Now, 8 months after the liberation of Rome, under a democratic Govt, we are still kept in the dark about

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2. It seems that the American Govt is studying plans for the gradual abolition of the Colonial system.

3. Concetto Marchesi has consented to direct the Ufficio Stampa of the Ministry for occupied Italy.

4. In the house of the Press-attaché of the British Embassy, a meeting took place between British M.Ps. and Italian journalists; Italian internal and foreign policy was discussed.

5. Mr. William H. Braine named chief of the Labour Sub-commission at the A.C.

6. Gang of forgers discovered by the Police; 180.000 lire and all machinery to print currency found.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. "The only teacher of freedom is freedom itself", according to Salvemini and La Piana in their recent book "What to do with Italy"; they are right, says Luzzatto, but they forget that the years of dictatorship have created among everybody habits of secrecy, which still persist. Now, 8 months after the liberation of Rome, under a democratic Govt, we are still kept in the dark about everything. The "jus memorandi", the right to criticise, do not exist as they should; perhaps the creation of the Consultative Assembly would eliminate this division existing between the Govt and the people.

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2. In destroying the basis of safety in Europe, Fascism has destroyed Italian independence, that now, with effort and labour, we must reconstruct. The crimes committed by the Roatta gang were crimes against Italy; we now ask for pitiless justice against Roatta and Co. (Aldo Garosci)

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3. One of the gravest vices of our bureaucratic order, which has paralyzed all the efforts I understood as Minister - writes De Ruggero - is the disproportionate intervention of the Ministry of Treasury in all State Administrations. Even epuration, which should have been carried out speedily, was, and is, hampered by the Ministry of Treasury to which all proposals go for approval, and by which very few are approved, after long delays.

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2. It may be "interesting to record" says I.N. the names of the members of the press commission which has authorized 13 new dailies for Rome, thus bringing the number up to 25. And the names are given - for the record.

3. A "giornata di solidarietà" to be observed in honor of soldiers and partisans on the 13 Feb. Headed by Scoccimarro, Minister for Occupied Italy, the special committee will have representatives from partisans and veterans organizations etc.

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4. Even though the future status of Libya is doubtful the government should take up with the Allies the question of repatriating refugees from Libya. Their condition is pitiful; families have been separated and children without their parents' care are growing up in delinquency - that is those who are growing up at all for many have died and many more will without proper care.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Brosio, speaking at Aquila, spoke of the moral and political reasons which must induce us to increase the war effort; everyone

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must answer the call to arms, - he said, and epuration must be continued. He then spoke about the Consultative Assembly, the Administrative elections, the vote to women, and ended by referring to the work done by the interministerial committee for reconstruction, and emphasizing the necessity of a free, civilized and pacific democracy.

TEMPO (Independent)

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7. Interview with a Capuchin friar who was in prison with Ciano and the other rebel hierarchs.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. A propos of the Quarticciolo episode, Velio Spano says that the commander of the police forces, lies and that he will prove it in due time. Information obtained from "authentic patriots" enables us to state categorically that the prefect of Viterbo is also lying. (this a propos of the Graffignano incidents)

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2. The first train left for Naples this morning; Churchill among the passengers. Stop-press news: the train arrived in Naples one minute before scheduled time.

3. The Suvich-Rosetta trial began this morning; Rosetta's defender, Santoro, asks that the trial be divided into two parts so as to allow his client to get another defender in the place of Cassinelli. So the trial will begin by the Suvich group.

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4. Trem farre doubled.

5. Thirteen new daily newspapers to appear shortly, namely:

La Capitale	-	director Scapinelli.
La Tribuna del Popolo	-	" Natale.
Libera Stampa	-	" Sentucci.
L'Epoca	-	" L. Raponi.
Il Lavoro	-	" Grandi. Di Vittorio and Lizzadri.
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Il Globo	-	" Vaccaro.
Il Progresso Economico	-	" Tarantelli.
Il Secolo XX	-	" Teva.

The following weeklies will become dailies:

L'Opinione	-	director Zanotti.
Voce Operaia	-	" D'Amico.
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Il Dovere	-	" Rivera.

The following will appear in Naples:

Il Paese	-	director Pistolese.
L'Azione	-	" Arpino.
Il Pungolo	-	" Petrone.

In Catanzaro:

Risveglio	-	" Tedeschi.

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3. Rome of today. Melancholy survey of the decline of morals and manners. People will do anything merely to live. Piazza Barberini and Via Veneto are cited as scandalous spots. There must be a moral reaction to this state of affairs of the city will reach a new depth of degradation. (e.b.)

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4. Account of charity on behalf of the sinistrati by the parishes of Rome.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. The separatist movement in Sicily started as soon as the Allies landed in the island; it was received with indifference. Neither the Badoglio, nor the Bonomi Government did much about it. Sicily is not represented in the Government and nobody has bothered about the fate and needs of the island. Sicily has been sacrificed to the interest of more powerful regions. Important private interests contributed to promote separatism, but nowadays, the majority of the Sicilians are in favour of autonomy. The Sicilian problem would be solved by proclaiming ample autonomy: political autonomy as well as administrative autonomy; it must be the guarantee of absolute social justice. (Virgilio Nasi)

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Germany, but as a desire to know the clauses of Italy's armistice and to fight under anti-Fascist officers.

2. Americans know that a policy based on strength does not bring about a world peace, said Green, speaking on "foreign policy of labour".

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6. Traffic is going to be reestablished between Sardinia and the main-land; as this will also mean more food for Rome, the Allies should give permission, to the Sardinians travelling to and from Rome, to use the Civitavecchia trains.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni writes a rather academic political article on the need of unity of action of the workers parties. It is in the form of a reply to La Malfa, for whom Nenni professes great admiration.

2. Comment on De Ruggiero's statement (that Council meetings are "political tournaments" and it is impossible to get anything done) is that the government has emerged as something far different from what was envisaged; we have now a sort of "Bonomi chancellery" in which nothing is accomplished, which is "the negation of democracy" and "a caricature of authority". In this field as in many others, says Avanti, De Ruggero's words confirm our opinion that we must start all over again; everything has to be re-done.

3. Another attack on the Navy. The vast majority are honest officers who have served their country well but there is a minority which needs attention from the epurators. It is bad enough that the "unmovable" De Courten is exploiting the support of the Allies to maintain himself "dictatorially" in his post; it is intolerable that this support be further extended to keep "unworthy and incapable people" in office. This is a matter for

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist) ,

1. Nenni writes a rather academic political article on the need of unity of action of the workers parties. It is in the form of a reply to La Malfa, for whom Nenni professes great admiration.

2. Comment on De Ruggiero's statement (that Council meetings are "political tournaments" and it is impossible to get anything done) is that the government has emerged as something far different from what was envisaged; we have now a sort of "Benoni chancellery" in which nothing is accomplished, which is "the negation of democracy" and "a caricature of authority". In this field as in many others, says Avanti, De Ruggero's words confirm our opinion that we must start all over again; everything has to be re-done.

3. Another attack on the Navy. The vast majority are honest officers who have served their country well but there is a minority which needs attention from the epurators. It is bad enough that the "unmovable" De Courten is exploiting the support of the Allies to maintain himself "dictatorially" in his post; it is intolerable that this support be further extended to keep "unworthy and incapable people" in office. This is a matter for urgent attention as it affects the war effort, concludes Avanti.

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4. Finally the government has acted and settled the affairs of the INA. Avanti comments that though the new commission is made up of good and able men (with one exception, a man who was once a "teacher of Fascist mysticism in Naples") there is not among them a real expert in insurance matters. A good Direttore Generale must therefore be found, capable of correcting the errors of the unhappy Commissario, who has now been dismissed.

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5. The trail of the "gobbo" leads to the Unione Proletaria, a very suspicious organization with one Salverezza at the head - already under various charges of common crimes. The life and surroundings of this fellow have all the color of an Edgar Wallace thriller; the case is not without its comic side. Nonetheless the police, having set up the raid, must not now stop until they have followed up all the threads.

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2. Preliminaries under way for "Big Three" meeting. Eden and Stettinius are to have conference before meeting Molotov. U.P. dispatch: Shah of Persia will be happy to have the Big Three meet in his Country.

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5. The G.C.I.L. has informed the C.D.L. of Naples that following negotiations, it has obtained and increase of pay to all workmen of the Province.

6. Preliminary agreement reached between the ATAC and the Cantonettisti.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Guido Gonella, summarising the editorial by Walter Lippmann in the Sunday Times, stresses that part of it which deals with Italy. No equilibrium in the Mediterranean can be reached until Italy's status is settled. No sound contribution to the war effort, no real authority of its Government can be expected if a proper treaty dealing with all its problems is not drawn up. "To make peace with Italy" is fundamental for a sound European reorganisation. But men in London and Washington are too tired, concludes sadly W. Lippman, and G.G. agrees with him.

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2. Federico Spada tells how Herriot failed to become Laval's successor. A detailed account of the President's last adventure with the Germans is given.

3. The widow of Carlo Rosselli states that she can bring forth evidences of Mussolini's responsibility in her husband's murder.

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4. The "Stella Romana" (Rome Naples through train) arrived a few minutes before schedule, writes Arrigo Benedetti. He then describes the train trip to Naples.

5. Description of awful conditions of patients in Rome hospitals. Everything is lacking, from food to medicine, heating, blankets and so on.

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2. The first meeting of the Italian Confederation of Agriculturists has taken place. The agriculturists are selfish

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and reactionary; they have no sense of human solidarity or of duty. They have forgotten that they have created and supported Fascism.

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12. Bergami, High Commissioner for Alimentation, during yesterday's press conference, announced that one general direction will take the place of the two pre-existing ones, for alimentation ad for rationing. Organization of Cooperatives, Enti di Consumo, Mense, etc. will be facilitated, and so will interregional

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5. First day of recruiting; those born during the first four months of 1924 turned up; after a few days in the Bianchi barracks, they will be sent to the Italian Command south of Rome.

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9. There is a conspiracy to discredit the Republican Party; there has even been an attempt to print false membership cards. But people should know that there is nothing sinister about the party; its program and its actions are clear and above-board.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The trial of Suvich, Roatta, etc. is really the trial of Mussolini's foreign policy which was inevitably connected with sabotage and terrorism. (Nenni)

2. At Viterbo the Carabinieri have fired on the people. This must stop, says A.

3. There is a Fascist circle openly organised in Prepe (Catanzaro). Is the Minister of Interior going to take no action?

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6. Chodec asks to join the Army as volunteer.

7. Article by Leopoldo Elia on complete destruction of church steeples, at Fano, which represented a glorious past and a glorious civilisation.

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8. Romano will have to be contented with "Shanks's mare" as no improvement is foreseen in the transport situation.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Liberty cannot be kept on a leash. The two problems before us, writes Francesco Fancello, are whole-hearted prosecution of the war and democratic reconstruction of the country. These are not by any means contradictory although at times they can be made to seem so. The best agency for uniting these efforts is the C.L.N. and it is necessary to call a national convention of this body as soon as possible. The war cannot be fought with technical means alone and the C.L.N. is the "political current of national revival" which can authoritatively shape the spirit of the nation to the needs of the moment. Further, there is need of some national body since, as is well known, Rome is somewhat isolated politically from the rest of the country.

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2. South American diplomats will soon take up their posts in Italy.

3. The ANITA has openly taken position against UNRRA; the "autotrasportatori" have asked Commissione for a revision of the measures already adopted or on the point of being published. May we note at this point, says Soto, how nice it is to be allowed, under a democratic regime, to tell a Minister, in a public meeting, that he is wrong. Too much has been said and written on the argument, however, but the competent authorities don't seem to realize the urgency of solving it. What will the Minister decide and do ?

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3. What we suffer is nothing compared to the privations of those who lost everything by the war, writes Diogene. We must realize that hundreds of our brothers are nearly dying for lack of everything. As true Christians all of us must give something to relieve them.

4. The Minister of war sent a message to the new enlisted men.

5. A propos of tomorrow trial Il Popolo gives short biographies of the more prominent among the defendants. Other trials against Fascist gerarchi will follow shortly.

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6. Gas rationing should be proportioned to the number of the members of the family, writes a reader. And gas should be available at any hour of the day.

7. Leaflets went round in the Esquilino district, asking capital punishment for night assessors.

8. A reader writes in support of «EDISPORT which supplies the population with oranges at a lower price. Il Popolo agrees.

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4. Orosio received the French Ambassador Couve de Murville.

5. Electricity turns could be respected if electric stoves were not being used in offices.

6. One of the blocks on the filibusting road, not only has never been abolished, but its agents are lodged in a nice "villino" where they treat themselves rather too well; their larder is packed full of all sorts of food that we have not seen for long months.

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7. In this period of shortage of school premises, one school is going to be closed because the proprietor wants his house for other uses. What has the silent guidance to say about this?

8. On the occasion of the return to Italian administration of the Radio, Croce made a speech, through Radio Londra, expressing his hope that the new Italian management will make people forget all the lies of the Fascist programs.

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3. For the first time since De Gaulle and the National Committee have been acknowledged as temporary government, France participates in a secret meeting of the Advisory Council for Europe.

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4. The Government of Lublin has thanked Stalin and the Red Army for the liberation of Warsaw.

5. Corrupted Press has no right to exist. Behind new papers appear the 'sinister shadows' of the Perrones and the Scalerns. No papers should be authorized, except in cases of absolute necessity. (for instance the daily paper of the C.G.I.L.)

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5. Price of news-papers doubled from today.

6. Casati, Minister of War, spoke to the recruits, urging them to put all their enthusiasm and good will in their effort to give back to Italy her "austerity and honesty"; he promised all those who are on the point of joining the National Army that measures will be taken to help their families.

7. France has taken part for the first time in a meeting of the Advisory Assembly for Europe.

8. The representatives of U.A.R. are soon going to meet the representatives of the Plastiras Government.

9. For the fourth time, Roosevelt has taken his oath to the American constitution. He has promised 'complete victory' and a 'lasting peace'. The United States have learnt that they cannot possibly isolate themselves from the world of to-morrow, and that their prosperity depends from the welfare of the other nations. Peace can only be conquered through comprehension, faith and courage.

10. Trouble in Cagliari: a bomb was thrown at some police agents during a students meeting.

ERRATA CORRIGE

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made General Director of the Bank, and Einaudi calls him "fido fra i fidi"; and Podestà, old and well-known Fascist politician, has been sent to America with the Italian economic Mission. We want more seriousness. The lira may be devaluated, but Italy must not be too much devaluated. C.Z.

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4. On Cassinelli's suspension Avanti remarks that there is no reason to delay the trial since Roatta has another lawyer.

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5. Vidali must not be named to Guardia di Finanza. His Fascist record is cited.

6. Account of police brutality in Quarticciolo raid followed by rather sympathetic sketch of "il gobbo".

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

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6. In addition to bands of gangsters in Rome there is one in Tivoli and another in Civitavecchia, both terrorizing the local populations.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Italian participation in the war effort cannot be conditioned by our future relations with the Allies, for these relations cannot evidently be made clear until the end of the war. From the international point of view no conditions should be made, because war is the logical step which should have followed immediately the fall of Fascism, on the 25th of July '43. (Carlo Bini)

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2. Two entirely different kinds of life are being lead at the same time in the same city, says Giuseppe Sala. There are the various types of rich men, parvenus of the other war, those enriched by Fascism and the modern "commissionisti", all leading

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a comfortable life. And there are those who work hard from morning till night. These two worlds are not aware of each other. As long as they do not meet, a real social revolution will not take place.

4. Democracies express themselves through a variety of political parties, states Salvator de Madariaga in the "Spectator" and on this ground he asks Gen. Franco to get out of the way for his system of one party only cannot be democracy. But Russia and Turkey have only one party and yet they are Allies of the Democracies.

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3. Lorenzo Barbaro writes at length on De Gaulle and on how he became what he is.

4. Is Bottai hiding in a convent near Cosenza ?

5. 500 blankets and over half a million lire have been gathered during the first three days of the "pro-sinistrati" house to house visits.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Tempo points out the importance of the regulation by which the partisans are considered as soldiers; this is the first step towards the acknowledgement of the real anti-Fascist forces. The ranks in the partisan army will also be recognized. Nevertheless the partisan army should be epurated for many common offenders take the name of partisan. - The training period of the volunteers will be as short as possible.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Velio Spano complains about the behaviour of the Carabinieri towards the Communists in general and in particular during the Quarticciolo incident.

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2. Caccioli is a living example of fascist corruption, writes Unità.

3. It is sometimes difficult to explain to the workmen what difference there is between a fascist ex-manager and a new unknown commissioner. The authorities should see that the appointment of the commissioners should be as little undemocratic as possible.

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POPOLO DI ROMA (Independent Catholic) - Not available.

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3. Fascism in the Italian colonies has been and being cheated by various enterprises which pretended to be doing works of public utility. (VI.SE)

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6. Even in normal times, the oil production of Italy is insufficient; this fact is even greater import now to the question of the economy.

CORRIERE D'ITALIA (Liberal Org)

1. A return of free commerce must be accomplished; such is the desire of both London and Washington; so it must be also in Italy. As soon as the first difficulties are eliminated; protectionism should disappear and customs should gradually be abolished; but Italy's future possibilities of foreign commerce depend very much on the Armistice as well. It is of no use, says the article (not signed) Morning Post or Manchester to form a new front: a new continuity and

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni's comment on Churchill's statement is as follows: it is not a question of whether England needs Italy or not, the point is that Italy has 45 million inhabitants and her destiny will inevitably affect the destiny of Europe. If sympathetically aided by England, under whose control she seems to be at the moment, to judge from Churchill's remarks, she will be able to solve her internal and foreign problems in a democratic way. If not she may be driven to what Churchill has called Trotskyism or back to exasperated nationalism. However, says Nenni, we should remember that Churchill is not necessarily England; he is a Tory and it is certain that neither the Labor party nor liberal opinion share his views as expressed yesterday. In any case new Italian democracy will go ahead with its program, war against Hitler and Mussolini, and against the residues of fascism at home.

2. Article by Saragat in praise of Russian military strategy. It is now apparent he says, that the Russian Balkan campaign was not simply for political purposes, as some skeptics had suggested, but a part of a well conceived strategic plan.

3. Selection of Tarchiani as Ambassador to U.S. meets with Avanti's approval. Though not of the party he is called an "authentic representative of (Italian) democracy".

4. Cassinelli has written a letter protesting against remarks in yesterday's Avanti. The reply from Avanti is that the Socialist Party expressed its final opinion on Cassinelli in 1925 when it expelled him as a result of his activities in the Matteotti trial.

5. Account of "mopping up" operations in borgata Gordiani following the death of "il gobbo del quarticciolo".

GIORNALE DEL MATTINO (Government)

1. Arrigo Jacchia approves of decisions taken yesterday at Council of Ministers, concerning relations with China and Balkan States, which show a repudiation of all pro-axis policy and a desire of pleasing the democratic feeling of the Country. The writer then goes on praising the Bonomi Govt for all the decisions it has taken.

2. Bonomi spoke to the University Students reminding them of the generous traditions of the "Curtatone and Montanara battalions" which shed their blood for the Country. "Now, he added, you must be prepared to sacrifice yourselves for the resurrection of Italy; we old people will be able to do much if we can see that within you there is real faith in the future".

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The students then asked that the University be closed so that all might answer the call to arms.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Pre-Fascist Italy. The political class which directed Italy in pre-Fascist days had many merits but it reached its peak at the time of Vittorio Veneto. It failed to understand the post-war period and was simply inadequate to deal with nascent Fascism. The lack of understanding, the incapacity to understand and hence to guide the people of Italy have of course become more marked as a result of the twenty years detachment from the political scene. Even in the technique of politics men of the pre-Fascist generation and mentality are hopelessly lost; they do not understand the means of modern government nor the dynamic character of modern democracy. It is from this point of view that the persistence of the Bonomi govt, essentially cut off from any real "rapport" with the new Italy, is dangerous. (La Malfa)

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1. We agree with the decisions announced by Solari and Einaudi, so long as they are carried out immediately, writes Vincenzo Lucci; the supreme Bank of the Country, though collaborating with the Govt, should maintain its independence; this is a very delicate

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situation, and the three men on whom lies the responsibility of the future economic condition of Italy, should keep in mind the following: the Minister of Treasury should not consider the Bank of Italy as a prodigal dispenser of money; the Minister of Finance should control the profits due to direct and intermediary exchange, and finally Einaudi should render productive the idle savings.

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6. Today the date of the Rostov trial will be decided.

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7. Yesterday's assembly of University stusents was a success. It is sad though that some of them were found carrying revolvers, especially if one considers that the Police have no entry inside the University premises.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. "To obtain alliance? - To free our brothers of the North ? - For hatred against the Germans ?" These the questions one could hear yesterday at the University, among the numerous students. "We shall go, but we first want to know why" - "No, we shall go, just because we must go". This last has been, we believe, the sincerest and most conclusive answer. Restlessness was in all these young people who have found themselves in a wrong and lost war. How different from the students' meeting in 1915, when everyone shouted "Viva la Guerra". (A. Benedetti)

2. Another "voice" of Radio-Londra, has arrived in Rome; he is the son of the Socialist M. P., Claudio Treves, who died in exile. Paolo Treves mentioned some examples of British life which show the full-hearted participation of all English people, men and women, in the war effort. V.G. ends with a brief biography of Paolo Treves.

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4. The population is starving because the rations are quite insufficient.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The State employees who are under arms get their whole salary, but the workmen only receive a subsidy which is quite inadequate for the needs of their families. The regulations should be the same in the case of the workmen as in the case of the employees. The Italian Government has clearly proved that

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it is doing everything to intensify the war effort. More than anything, Italy wants to fight at the side of the Allies. (Valic Spano)

2. It appears that on December 29th Bonoglio made some statements to an American agency: it seems he said that the present Italian Government was only transitory, and not interested in the future of Italy, and that its ministers were only working in the interest of the various parties. - Unità thinks that such statements amount almost to treason. Bonoglio is attempting to destroy authority, he also insinuates that the Government could be disloyal when he declares he considers the armistice clauses as definitive and is ready to defend them with his life.

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5. New Italian Banknotes which will substitute the Am-lire and the present It. lire paper currency are being printed in the United States.

6. America has new secret weapons.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO - N.N.

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4) The Minister recalled the chiefs of the "Federazioni Fascisti e senate to", who exposed to him the tragic situation in which many of them are.

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3) Proposals for improving food supplies; made by the pro-inceral C.I.N. Recommends earlier harvesting of certain staple products and free trade with abolition of blocks for everything else. R. suggests that the Allies make an effort to employ the personnel if requisition is inevitable.

NUOVI REPUBBLICANI (Republican)

1) The bureaucratic and ministerial chain with which Rome keeps tied up the willing energies of the whole Country, must be broken; at the Prefetture, in the various Ministries, in all Roman offices time is wasted in approving and disapproving decrees, in endless useless discussions: but time is too precious, it cannot be wasted. Why don't the Communes start reconstruction, like Gio. and Conti, without waiting

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4) Commenting on a letter in which the Rosselli brothers give a list of their anti-fascist merits, Merlo says that those merits don't change the fact that for 20 years, as editors of the Messaggero, they sang the praises of Mussolini and of Fascism.

5) Against the conscription bill calling to arms the classes from '14 to '24, which is the same old bill used 10 years ago. It is a proof of democratic and moral unconsciousness and we have the right to ask if, by chance, some sabotage intentions are hidden by it.

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2) Grieco taking over from Scoccimarro says he will go on with the same criteria, dealing severely with the "responsible heads" and indulgently with the lower ranks.

3) Defence of Valsecchi against I.M.I., says I.L., and true appreciation of Dalmatian situation in 1943 he still has. (b.a.)

4) Praise of Graziani's article in Tempo describing reluctance of Italians to go to war against France. Regret that "Presence" (French soldiers' weekly) has omitted a few very pointed sentences.

5) The "mobilization posters" decree : reference to "soldiers of Hebrew race". This is a shocking survival of Fascism, says I.L.

6) Protest on situation in Terenti Generali. Interview with Fairini, President of Fruit and vegetable workers union. The essential thing is to concentrate produce in the Terenti Generali. This has not

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2) It is said that President Roosevelt will make a visit to France.

3) American convoys pass through the Dardanelles to supply Soviet Union with material according to the Land Lease law.

4) Statement of Sir Stafford Cripps : Germany must be disarmed and controlled until she reforms. When Germany has proved her wish for friendly and peaceful cooperation, she will be admitted again among the other nations by means of the international organs which are to eliminate the danger of a future war.

5) The workmen of the 'Ferrui' admitted in the managing board of the establishment.

6) Rome seen by Mrs Sprigge : the Romans have a certain dignity and try to save appearances. Lots of people are involved in black market or more or less shady speculations. The supplies haven't increased and the cost of living makes it hard for those who have a fixed income or a modest salary to manage.

7) Brazilian coffee will be distributed in Rome.

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5) Gives figures on work done by the High Commissioner for assistance and repatriation of refugees: 80,000 refugees have already left Rome. Help given by Allied Red Cross and UNRRA and the nations.

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2) Gino Scalia Governi quotes a few articles of 'Union Empire' by E. Bonnard.

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2) Gino Cecile Second quotes a few articles of 'Il Lavoro Fascista' by A. Pedroni.

3) The Israel explains that also soldiers of Jewish race are included. Therefore such precision is no longer required.

4) Mario Bulow maintains that fascism is a general phase of the development of modern capitalist society, and that the present war is the unavoidable consequence of the political and economic system. The whole of German economy should be socialized. Drucker says that Europe shouldn't be reconstructed on ideological basis, it should be organized separately in an international order with a world basis.

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III. (Continued)

1) Italy can only be saved by a policy of national unity. There is no point in making a difference among the promoters of national unity and of the arrest of the people, nor the defence of the territory and the destruction of fascism and of its roots can be neither postponed nor opposed, especially in the case of Italy.

2) Regardless upshots of the examination of a big Italian army : the Italians have a right to fight with the United Nations, they are capable of producing an army that will bring a valuable contribution to common victory.

3) Grieco succeeds Togliatti in the High Commissariat for Punishment. Speech of Togliatti : the only done promises a great firmness and resistance to corruption and personal influence. Grieco says : we must strike the responsible chiefs and be indulgent towards simple functionaries.

4) According to the radio from the North, it seems that the Soviets are encouraging Sicilian separatism.

5) Miserable living conditions in Sicily (Lucia).

6) A Roman citizen had to arrest Guarnaccia : why doesn't the High Commissariat do his duty?

7) Report on Italy by the Soviet (syndical) delegation. Workers are starving; in many places, the unemployed try to sabotage the work of the syndicates; opposition is slow.

8) In the 'solfatara' of Lipari, work is hard, dangerous and badly paid. The owners make money but want to have the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

GENERAL -

1) Franco Italian negotiations are said to be at a stand still because of territorial claims made by the French Government.

2) 'Voce Repubblicana' stated that Bonomi didn't obtain the oath prescribed for all Italian ministers and ministers, but had taken a different one. The statement has been denied.

3) Draft of the elections 1924-24.

4) Fighting has stopped in Greece. ELAS keeps hostages because members of EAM have been arrested.

5) Sforza replaces Soffici as Administrator.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Mortality due to tuberculosis has regularly increased since the beginning of the war; figures given. One other illness which owes to war a great increase is malaria. (Dott. E.M.)

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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5. Article on bourgeois finance by Subalpino, who thinks a national loan would be desirable.

6. Classes not yet open at Rome University, because the professors are being investigated. Meanwhile the students celebrated opening of term by the usual goliardic gestures - including an invasion of the Splendore Cinema, necessitating intervention of the Allied and Italian Police.

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2. Myron Taylor condemns the British thesis according to which Italy must be made to pay and emphasizes the necessity to give help to Italy. - Mr. Ridley, the Texas representative, who is now in Rome, having said that Italy was an enemy before becoming an ally and must be made to pay, Mr. Taylor answered that Italy has

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greatly suffered already and that the failure of the Allies to relieve these sufferings is the best way to make Italy turn communist. Only generous financial help can save Italy from communism which the United States do not want to see established there.

4. It seems that Parchiani of the Action Party has been appointed Ambassador in the United States. Italia Nuova would like to know what special qualifications justified this appointment.

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2. Well informed Govt spokesman give Tarchiani's name as Italian Ambassador to Washington.

3. A Committee has been formed for starting economic relations between Italy and Belgium.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Rossini stated at Press-Conference that Italian Govt saw no objections to publishing armistice terms and does not understand Roosevelt's hesitation. Rossini also expressed Italian Govt's satisfaction with recent statement of MacMillan on Allied plan for Italy.

2. Long academic discussion of meeting between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin said to be imminent.

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3. The C.L.N. of the Venezia Giulia (Trieste) declare inviolable the principle of Italian unity which was reached after so much bloodshed. They will remove every obstacle to the collaboration between Slavs and Italians. They ask for great autonomy for the region.

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for cowardice, during the war. It was natural, says Voce Repubblicana, that the Lieutenants should choose him as "Alone Camp".

3. The origin of our misfortune lies in the totalitarian State we have had for so long; as it cannot be all seeing and as reconstruction is equally urgent everywhere, it should give the Communal Administrations the power to organise local reconstruction, writes Umberto Zaccarotti.

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2. Working women. They should have better training and better economic and moral treatment in Italy. (S. Reale)

3. Bitter words on the expected turning over of the Corriere di Roma to the Perrone.

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2. Order of the day of the Democratic Party: It was the first political force to ask for Italy's participation in the war on the same footing as the other people of the United Nations. Since September 1st 1939, the Italian people have been opposed to the war of aggression declared by Germany. It is the wish of the Italian nation to have a large national army fighting at the side of the United Nations for the liberation and rehabilitation of the country, the integrity of the national territory, the triumph of democratic principles.

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3. 11.000 hectares have been divided among the peasants in liberated Poleno.

4. Statement of Stimson on the war situation: the liberation of Luzon will not be an easy operation. It will not cut off the oil

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2. Order of the day of the Democratic Party: It was the first political force to ask for Italy's participation in the war on the same footing as the other people of the United Nations. Since September 1st 1939, the Italian people have been opposed to the war of aggression declared by Germany. It is the wish of the Italian nation to have a large national army fighting at the side of the United Nations for the liberation and rehabilitation of the country, the integrity of the national territory, the triumph of democratic principles.

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3. 11.000 hectares have been divided among the peasants in liberated Polesy.

4. Statement of Stimson on the war situation: the liberation of Luzon will not be an easy operation. It will cut off the oil, rubber and supplies of the Japs.

5. Has P.W.B. sold or given the Corriere di Roma to the Government Commissioner of the printing Co. asks Scherf ?

6. A.C. has been asked for ships to transport fertilizers from Tunis. The Interministerial Committee has also asked to buy tyres in Spain and raw materials for the fabrication of tyres which might be made in the Pirelli plants in Tivoli.

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2. Complicity of former fascists with Reuter (affs)

3. The salaries of all the employees of the Società Romana di Elettricità should be raised, not only those of the management.

4. The Ispral gives the necessary orders to the merchants who offer to transport wine at the lowest prices; half the wine goes to the Ispral to be sold at fixed prices, the other half remains to the wine merchants who sell it at their own price. This is a definite encouragement for black market for the quantity of wine sold at a fixed price is insufficient for the requirements.

GENERAL

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2. Messages of Bonomi and Orlando to the people of Sicily on the anniversary of the Sicilian revolution in 1848. 'Sicily of today must be the continuation of Sicily of 1848'.

3. Communiqué from General Scobie: In Athens, the interviews proceed favourably. On many points, an agreement has been reached with the representatives of E.L.A.S.

4. Strikes in Milan and Turin because of the lack of foodstuffs.

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3. It has been officially announced that on the 15th the ANSA (Agenzia Nazionale Stampa Associata) will take over the information Service carried out till now by the MMU. This is an important step forward in Italian press independence, and we must thank the Allies for it.

4. Works are slowly beginning to function again, and unemployment is slowly beginning to diminish.

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6. Victor Emmanuel is not dead, as rumor had claimed. However he is seriously ill; the Prince was to go to Ravello last night.

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7. 36.000 Italian POWs in U.S. given Status of "auxiliary soldiers".

8. Cianca's Speech, Sunday, approved. It shows common intentions of Socialist and Action parties.

9. Protest against requisitioning of Palazzo Ruspoli. It is a national monument and contains, as well as the Corso Cinema, offices of firms important for reconstruction.

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5. News from Paris says that the famous architect Le Corbusier suggests that reconstruction should be carried out with a purely industrial criterion; but, writes A.r., though reconstruction has to carried out as speedily as possible, we don't think that art and beauty should be forgotten, otherwise tomorrow half of Europe -

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The President has stressed the need for the Allies to remain united even after victory, and this at a time when the unity of purpose of the Allies seemed to waver: there seems to be a strong difference of opinion about the attitude to be taken towards Italy. Will the Atlantic Charter remain as platonic as the 14 points of Wilson ? Roosevelt has again emphasized the principle that people must decide for themselves, but this cannot come into effect as long as the prisoners and men who have been deported have not been sent back. Nevertheless, the Allies are co-responsible with the Italian Government which is trying to hasten so many decisions during the absence of so many men. No mention has been made of the Italians who are fighting at the side of the Allies. (Enzo Selvaggi)

2. Soleri has given no details about the most important points of his statement: what are the debts that the Government is not going to pay ? What about the buoni del Tesoro ? What about the Am-lire ? As for the future of the lire, the Minister has declared that people had now got used to devaluation, but has not said a word about the program with which the Government intends to cope with this situation. (V.I.)

3. Commenting on the initiative of the Communists for a bigger army, Sertorius says that the partisans should gradually join to the Army. The Communist initiative is most timely and important: it takes in consideration the future of the partisans, and the need to make up the national military spirit.

4. Ugo Cerusi, Roman Commissioner for Immigration and naturalization states that the collaboration between the Allies and the Italians has given good results; the rehabilitation of Italian industry has started. UNRRA will create centres of public sanitation and send medicines.

5. Regulations for civilian mobilization are being studied, for there is at present a great lack of man-power, many workmen having given up their job and taken up trading as more lucrative.

6. After having an important charge on the High Commissariat for Sanctions against Fascism, Colasurdo is accused of collaboration with nazi-fascism. It is difficult to explain how he could have been seven months in the Political Office of the Questura.

7. The unemployed get 7 lire a day.

8. Everybody knew that the High Authority who was going to review the Carabinieri was General Alexander, yet Italia Libera and Voce Repubblicana have tried to make their usual political speculation against the Lieutenants.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Problem of the Commissions in the factories: are they to be advisory of deliberative ? (Giulio Sansecretti)

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2. A Commission is preparing a reform of the legal code.

3. Popolo thinks that Ciano has not been exaggeratedly truthful in his speech: though Badoglio is "one of those chiefly responsible for Fascism, and the characteristic representative of the forces of reaction". The Action Party was only too happy to participate in the Badoglio cabinet.

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1. Velio Spano writes that some people put fight for freedom before fight for independence, forgetting that these two aims are inseparable and that independence should anyhow come first.

2. Some more misdeeds of the Sicilian latifundisti: they have managed to obtain posts from A.M.G. - they keep their wheat and oil. Strong action should be taken.

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3. It was too much that the Partisans should manage a news paper, it is unbearable that they should inspire it politically; when no longer an allied organ, the Carriere di Roma should not be entrusted to them.

4. Speculations of Ciano, Benini and Jacomoni in Albania.

5. It is rumoured that the Reuter trial will not take place. But the country will not stand that.

6. Italy has lost 70% of its industrial equipment writes Guido Molinelli. Reconstruction must be started at once with what means there are.

7. Food can now be brought freely into Rome.

GENERAL

1. It is said that Marshal Badoglio is seriously ill.

2. It is now possible to communicate with Italian prisoners in Russia.

3. Ambassador Kirk has presented his credentials to the Lieutenant of the Kingdom.

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much traditions and statistics as the living will of the people.

2. The C.C.L.N. sent Bonomi an order of the day asking the Govt to make clear to the Allies the Italians' desire of having a strong army expressing the new national conscience.

3. Jacomoni wanted to become "cousin" of the King.

4. Against the Perrone, who are creatures of Mussolini and of Fascism; it is scandalous that the Corriere di Roma should be passed over by the Allies to them, on the 15th. Also other Fascist journalists hide behind pseudonyms. Is there no Press-Syndicate to prevent all these scandals ?

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5. Article on the difficulties the Italy has to face: few cars, scarce electric energy, overdrafts; there is talk of the institution passing to a private society.

6. Medicine peddlers arrested by the police; doctors and chemists belong to the gang.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The combatants should be convinced that they are fighting to free their country. They should be given positive elements of reconstruction, not only negative elements which may destroy want has to be destroyed, but do not construct anything. Nothing has been done to substitute fascism by democratic life. The man in the street must know that there is a determined program to cope with the problems of the present time. (Enzo Selvaggi)

2. Sicily is not represented in the Government. The riots have been caused by the draft, for the students want to know what they are fighting for; since the armistice, Sicily has remained isolated from the Italian political movements, and therefore has not got the 'conscience' that the Government is appealing to. It is not prepared to grasp the new military requirements of the country, and only remember that the Allies landed in Sicily as victors and not as liberators. Nothing has been done to help Sicily, and the separatist party made the most of the opportunity. It would have been far more successful to ask for volunteers. (Vibi)

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3. Ciasca was against the Badoglio Cabinet, but he should have mentioned that the Action Party participated all the same in the Badoglio Cabinet. The 'moral question' which prevented Ciasca and Lussu to participate in a Government which they thought to be incompatible with the principles of democracy, was only mentioned after the Sforza case.

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4. Commenting on Nenni's article in Avanti, Popolo says that Nenni does not underst nd now the difficulties of the Government should be understood by all anti-Fascist parties. Too many parties think only of their own particular problems; the Action Party has therefore no right to not the part of the public prosecutor. Nenni might also remember that the patriotic and anti-separatist action of the Sicilian clergy has been most useful to the Government.

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3. There should be no neutral press in war time. Some people say they are neither fascist nor anti-fascist; this won't do for the press must contribute to the war effort.

4. There is only one bus for Ostia and the Ostia area which has 50.000 inhabitants.

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5. The agrarian syndicates should be democratised and managed by the agriculturists themselves who would defend their interests against manufacturers and tradesmen. (V. Spazzano)

6. A numerous and dangerous armed band has taken refuge in Borgata Cordiani. It is time the CC.RR. should do something about it.

GENERAL

1. The C.L.N. asks the Government to create an Italian army 'expression of a new national conscience'.

2. Statement of Plastiras: a new Greek assembly will be elected as soon as possible. The members of E.A.M. have been excluded from the Government for it was not possible to include the representatives of a party which was at war with Greece at the time when the Government was being formed.

3. Statement of Roosevelt: the Allies are trying to increase the bread ration in Italy (300 gr). It is difficult to find the necessary shipping.

4. Interview between the King of Yugoslavia and Churchill. Will there be a Council of Regency in Yugoslavia ?

5. Charles Maurras trial is about to begin.

6. More articles about the Jacomoni trial.

7. Special provincial commissions will examine the situation of people who have been compromised. These people may lose their political rights for ten years.

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socialisation. The last two items can be carried out with relatively little action by the State, there will be only a small part of industrial holdings affected, but it is necessary to break the hold of the plutocrats. He rejects indignantly the suggestion of cleavage between Socialists and Communists. He realizes that the war effort comes first but it is precisely the feeling that the new ideas are not clearly recognized and accepted by the Govt. that impedes a whole-hearted effort. An indication of this may be seen in the contrast between the enthusiasm and number of the partigiani and the difficulty the regular Army has in getting recruits. Feeling is that in the Socialists could not join the Govt. but they are represented in the C.L.N. and in the movements of the North. Italy must not turn back and she must be obliged to govern herself. ....Comment tells of large crowd, enthusiastic applause etc.

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2. The President of the C.L.N. of Naples has been made Mayor of the town.

3. General Assé points out, in a short article, that 8.000 Italian soldiers still live and die in miserable conditions in Albania; their country should not forget them.

4. Interview with Sforza on cultural activity of Italian refugees in Switzerland.

5. Another article on the difference between the cost of living and the salaries of the majority of workers; cost of living has increased, during the last four years, one thousand per cent and salaries about three hundred per cent.

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2. Reviewing Nenni's speech Leone Cattani says that it is understandable that a man like Nenni, who has lived so many years abroad, should not understand, as well as one who has suffered in Italy under Fascism, the deep unitarian exigencies, the repugnance for permanent revolutions, the desire for true freedom and order. The Italians want only one Govt., efficient and Democratic. Every party must feel its responsibilities, if it wants to participate in the

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Party (Independent)

1. Alle Adrelli comments on Nenni's speech: Nenni is no 'writer'; he will seldom be found arguing about questions of principle or ideology. One writer asks whether the development of the struggle mightn't bring about another dictatorship. Class struggle mustn't end in class dictatorship, and the elimination of big monopolies mustn't bring about the creation of a State monopoly.

UNITA (Communist)

1. Writing about occupied Italy, Scoccimarro says that the first condition for the reconstruction of Italy is the destruction of Hitlerism and fascism. Italy must have an army fighting with the Allies.

2. About General Alexander's order, the press office of the Communist party communicates that the Communist ministers have approved the communication of the Council of Ministers. The conditions of the Army must be such as to allow collaboration between soldiers and officers of more or less advanced opinions, while guaranteeing liberty of political opinions to the officers and soldiers of every tendency.

3. No action is taken against gambling. People gamble everywhere in Rome.

4. Political activity of the General Labour. A greater participation of the workmen in syndical life will help the work of the General Labour.

GENERAL

1. The Polish Committee of Lublin transformed into a temporary Government. The Polish Government of London answers saying that the Committee has assumed the powers without taking in consideration the will of the people, and is destroying the freedom of the Polish nation. Statement of Stettinius: the Government of the United States will soon acknowledging the London Government.

2. Archbishop Damaskinos asks for an immediate cessation of fighting as a first step towards a resolution of the crisis. E.L.A.S. declares it is ready to negotiate.

3. Myron Taylor asks for more American help for Italy.

4. Hitler's speech: war will get still harder during 1945.

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4. Against a weekly newspaper which has published photographs of naked or almost naked women.

5. The first C.G.I.L. meeting will be held in Naples at the end of the month.

6. Qualified organisers continue their studies towards the forming of the Assemblea Consultiva which, it is hoped, will begin to function by the end of the month.

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7. Radio Londra announced that Allied Chiefs of Staff discussed the possibilities of increasing help to Italy.

8. Long awaited soap is going to be distributed; but one cake of a hundred grammo after three months is not very much, writes e.b.

9. A national lottery will soon be held; its profits will be turned over to the U.N.R.R.A. and the C.R.I.

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2. Nenni reviews Sforza's letter and disapproves of one thing; according to him initiative should come from the bottom, and the C.L.N. should be given the necessary power to interfere immediately in the complex matters of epuration and sanctions, following special rules which he gives.

3. Yesterday afternoon Bonomi received Admiral Cunningham, Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.

4. The Allies deem it more convenient to reactivate sugar-works in Southern and central Italy, than to import sugar from America; the necessary machinery will be brought over before next summer, and by next autumn the production should be sufficient.

5. The paper-mills of Foggia, destroyed by the Germans, have been set into working conditions again by the patient labor of all the workers; there only remained one machine which it was absolutely impossible to mend; but the Allies, moved by the seriousness and thoroughness of the work which had been done notwithstanding innumerable difficulties, gave one.

6. About 150 clandestine newspapers are published in Northern Italy.

7. Six British M.P.s have arrived in Italy; during 3 weeks they will visit the liberated territories.

8. Another article against S.I.P.R.A.L. and A.S.A. and Food Commissariat which are not capable of doing anything against black market.

9. It seems that among all the different currency notes which pass through our hands, there will soon be even a 5.000 lire one.

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6. About 150 clandestine newspapers are published in Northern Italy.

7. Six British M.P.s have arrived in Italy; during 3 weeks they will visit the liberated territories.

8. Another article against S.E.P.R.A.L. and A.S.A. and Food Commissariat which are not capable of doing anything against black market.

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7. Story of recovery of silver of Royal Household, stolen by the Germans and hidden in "a big hotel in the centre of Rome".

8. C.G.I.L. appeals to "intellectual workers" to enter unions. I.L. supports appeal.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commenting on the present situation of the magistracy in Italy, Roberto Lucifero agrees with Filotti that law must be effectively equal for all, and that in the eyes of the law, the State has the same importance as private individuals and has the same right as they have. The magistracy should be completely renovated, without regard to what might be the political constitution of the State in which this magistracy will have to function.

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5. Small change has disappeared; it is almost impossible to find notes of one or two lire.

6. The Advisory Council for Italy has examined the latest political events in Italy.

7. Answering Italia Libera, Babuf says that nowadays, rather than accept a solution which would at least guarantee the punishment of those who have big responsibilities, an enormous amount of power has been given to the President. He can only use it to defend his Presidency.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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2. A certain quantity of sugar, arriving from America, is expected in Rome soon.

3. Arrigo Benedetti describes an adventurous journey through flooded roads and dark villages.

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4. The Commissario Collusardo arrested; also a certain number of agents taken to Regina Coeli.

5. It is rumored that the Allies will requisition Palazzo Ruspoli; if this happens also the Corso Cinema would be requisitioned; and this is not fair, says R.L.

TEMPO (Independent)

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2. Desorders in Reggio; young men resist being called to colors.

3. Violent protest against action of Italcable which has been accepting cables for abroad (with money to pay for them) for the past 7 weeks - and as yet not one cable has been sent. Does not the Minister of Post and Telecommunications know this ? And if so, how can he permit it ?

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6. The C.G.I.L. asks the engineers, technicians, and intellectual workers to support its program.

GENERAL

1. The Council of Ministers: approval of a plan of works for the reconstruction of damaged buildings. Bonomi will now direct epuration; no High Commissioner will be appointed. Initiative of the State in favour of the combatants and their families.

2. Together with his resignation, Sforza has sent a report on his work of epuration to Bonomi.

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3. Strikes and agitation against the Germans in North Italy. The Germans answered by the lock out.

4. Visit of Admiral Cunningham to Rome.

5. Interview of Churchill with De Gaulle and Eisenhower; agreements have been made; new French divisions will be armed.

6. Statement of Roosevelt: a new program for more abundant supplies to Italy. - Asked whether he thinks it would be a good thing for the clauses of the armistice to be made public, the President has answered that competent military authorities still give importance to this element.

7. New Spanish Ambassador in Rome: Don Jose Antonio Sangroniz Castro. The Belgian Government is going to appoint a Charge d'Affaires.

8. Trouble in Sicily between the Police and drafted young men.

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3. V.E. hopes that an office which will give information on Italian prisoners in Germany will soon be set up.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The absurd and tragic financial situation is accepted by the leading class, because it is not a sanguinary one; Saragat gives figures of black market prices.

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d) Epuration, Grisco.

4. The Allied Commission serves the cause of the Allies, but at the same time it serves also the cause of the Italians, said Mac Millan; he then announced that London and Washington were coming to a complete agreement on the question of giving more help to Italy. He ended by saying that he is anxious to go to America so as to "accomplish and carry through such an important task".

5. Many people arrested in an unexpected police raid on open-air gambling tables.

6. High wish to free the porters from their obligation of reporting to the Police.

ITALI. LIBERA. (Action)

1. Italia Libera does not agree with Nopolo which would like to see a Magistrate at the head of the Epuration Commission; epuration, I.L. says, is a political matter, and it must not be allowed to become a bureaucratic organism.

2. Carandini, interviewed by the N.W.U., said that he is grateful to Britishers of all social conditions and responsibilities, for having helped him in his difficult task. He said that English people are very sympathetic towards Italy, and follow with hope all progress in our resurrection; though he has naturally found many who criticize Italy, he has however found no one who did not want to have faith again in Italians. The proof of this is given by the fact that Italian prisoners lead almost the same life as British civilians. But epuration must be carried on, he insisted. He ended by saying that a certain number of Italian journalists should go to London, and see the life that the English lead; there everybody works for war.

3. Revelations of the Rocca trial: the S.I.M. used to steal documents from the safes of the Foreign Embassies.

4. Text of radio-speech by Comandini, on epuration and dignity of magistrates. Laws must become once more the conscious and thought-out expression of the will of the people.

5. Steps should be taken by the Police to stop those open-air dealers who have no permits; it would be one step towards fighting black market.

6. Thefts continue at Borgata Gordiani, and the Police is conspicuous by its absence.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. In a democratic regime, it is possible to demand a great concentration of power, this on two essential conditions: a possibility of control and criticism, a real political responsibility of the organs of the authority towards the other organs of society. This never exists in a totalitarian regime. (Carlo Sforza)

2. Why should the Government make a separation and a classification among the veterans of the last war and those from this war ? Is it really necessary to create a High Commissariat to look after them; it would be more sensible to give help and supplies to the already existing organization for relief to the combatants.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Following certain plans which have been suggested Poland ought to be divided; in other words it might lose territory on the east and gain some on the west. Sandro De Feo hopes the Polish problem will be solved so as not to cause further discontent.

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2. It seems that crops will be good in Lazio and Umbria. R.S. hopes this will mean more food for Rome.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The Italian tax system is wrong writes Nenni: thus, in Italy, those who have no money pay the taxes, small employees whose fixed income is known, small landowners are mercilessly taxed; you pay no taxes if you buy a Rolls Royce; on the contrary, beware if you mean to invest your money in real estate. Why does not the Government try to tax all the people who do black market and obviously have plenty of money to spend ?

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Statement of Stettinius: the Governments of Great Britain and of the United States agree about the question of giving help to Italy, to enable it to rehabilitate its economic life.

2. It is probable that no High Commissioner of denazification will be appointed.

3. The Council of Ministers will deal with finance, reconstruction and transport problems.

4. Statement of Carandini who expresses hope that his mission in London will be successful in bringing more comprehension among both nations.

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4. Candidus seemed very surprised at learning of the existence of black market which, he said, is not known in England; but does C. know why we have black market here ? because food distribution, controlled in a very complicated bureaucratic military manner, does not ensure to the population the minimum necessary to live.

5. There really was no need to create the "Alto Commissariato per i reduci" when so many institutions already exist, whose job it is to solve all problems concerning the Veterans; this means rendering more bureaucratic the already "over-bureaucraticised" machinery of the State. (L'Caserv tore)

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6. Students are against the abolition of the faculty of Political Science; also against Arangio Ruiz, who now does all he can to make the people forget the days when he lectured in a black shirt.

7. Something should be done to prevent complete destruction of all Roman trees.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni gives details of fascist domination of a village in Sicily, which he claims is symptomatic of the general situation. Solution would be to give power to the local C.L.N. to epurate those residues of fascism. He urges Bonomi to act.

2. Summary of Osborne's article in "Life". "We are making one mistake after another", says O., thus exhausting the reservoir of good-will Europeans have for Americans, and, in Italy, driving the people to leftist extremism.

3. Financial article by Pietro Nenni. Urges war costs be paid those who have profited by fascism, black market profiteers and by those among the wealthy whose holdings have not been affected by devaluation of the lire.

4. Zeal and indifference. Within ten days a Democratic General has been removed and the Council has supported his removal. Meanwhile there are two other generals - one of whom makes monarchist speeches to the troops and the other brags of having fought "the reds" in Spain. And conditions of rationing and clothing among the soldiers are lamentable. More urgency in these matters would be appreciated; the zeal in punishing Nazi seems incongruent.

5. Important fascist trial in Rieti slowed up for lack of transport. Judges cannot find cars to make the trip from Rome.

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2. Summary of Osborne's article in "Life". "We are making one mistake after another", says C., thus exhausting the reservoir of good-will Europeans have for Americans, and, in Italy, driving the people to leftist extremism.

3. Financial article by Pietro Nenni. Urges war costs be paid those who have profited by Fascism, black market profiteers and by those among the wealthy whose holdings have not been affected by devaluation of the lira.

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2. Article by ... Ferocco on the military tragedy in Dalmatia, after the 8th of Sept.

3. Many more schools could function with just a little more good-will. Some schools only lack a few window panes, in others

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the water pipes don't function; and so the children have no lessons.

4. Cantachiaro has been suspended for one week, as punishment for having published Mussolini's speech. The Govt however cannot possibly allow private citizens to confiscate newspapers.

5. At last ! Romans will be given a cake of soap next week.

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3. Giuseppe Sala writes about Sicily of today: misery and disappointment of the people who live by their wits, trying to get the commodities required for every-day life, which become rarer everyday. No safety anywhere because of the 'mafia'.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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2. Epuration in the Ministry of War will end within the month. Particulars of the Rieti trials given.

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3. Article against the Ufficio d'Igiene which does nothing to put the schools in healthy conditions.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Vello Spano's article in memory of Romain Rolland.

2. The work of the C.G.L. : What has been done about reconstruction is mainly due to the initiative of the workmen; the C.G.L. has protected the interests of the various categories of Italian workmen. It has managed to break the tradition of proportional increase of salary, which emphasized the disproportion between low and high salaries, by obtaining the indemnity for the high cost of living which is equal for all. It has hit a blow at the 'iniquitous mezzadria'. (Giuseppe Di Vittorio)

3. Freedom of press does not and cannot exist as long as paper has to be rationed. Press should be definitely anti-fascist, for there is a war going on.

4. Speaking about the oil question, S.E. says that olive producers had better be careful and give everything to the masses, otherwise, the patience of the people might come to an end.

5. Attack against Prince Ruspoli; Unità says he was a friend of Dollmann; therefore, his palace should be requisitioned.

6. The Roma Lido railway should be re-established.

GENERAL

1. Fighting goes on in Athens; General Plastiras has formed the new Government. Elections for a Constituent Assembly will probably take place.

2. The Polish temporary Government claims to be the only legal authority. It has adopted the Democratic constitution of 1921, and proposes to establish friendly relations with Russia, Great Britain and the United States.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The Italian Govt has so far treated the financial problem as a private matter, and the Minister of Treasury has so far published no details which can be checked, nor any items showing what measures the Govt intends taking. Giving the figure of the total debt and saying that this is four and a half times the credit, the Minister forgets Northern Italy where war expenses are faced by printing more currency and contracting all sorts of debts; and what about the Allied issues ? We don't know the plans of our economic mission in the United States, nor do we know the real meaning of Roosevelt's declaration about opening credits to counter balance the "Am-lire" issued here. No attempt at stabilization is possible until London and Washington solve the matter of the postwar exchange rate of the dollar and the sterling and unless economic nationalism is abolished.

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2. A. reviews and answers the criticisms made by various newspapers of Nenni's speech, on Sunday.

3. Subalpino, on occasion of Romain Rolland's death, gives a brief history of the famous writer's life.

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5. Prof. Egidi, interviewed on the general health situation of Rome, said that it on the whole it is not at all bad; much better than might have been expected, in fact.

6. Refugees about to be repatriated must be inoculated.

7. A Fascist criminal, the diplomat and Gerarca Arrivabene, arrested yesterday.

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ITALI. NUOV. (Democrat)

1. It seems that not only internal but also foreign policy is suffering from uncertainty, inaction and also from an attempt at more or less unstable equilibrium between the various parties. Why doesn't Italy send a representative to the United States ? Why doesn't the Government settle the question of diplomatic representation in France and in many countries where a large number of Italians are living. (Franco Persano)

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2. An Interministerial meeting was held yesterday, under the Presidency of Bonomi, to examine the various problems concerning the reorganisation of the army and the increase of the Italian war effort.

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3.The special "gratifica" to State employees, fixed in the last Council of Ministers, will be paid within the first fortnight of the month.

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2. In the premises of the Unione di Roma, cattle is being unlawfully slaughtered and sold in the black market.

Unità' (Communist)

1. It is not true that for the Communists, opposition is a way of creating disorder, writes Velio Spano. The Communists are ready to show indulgence to those who were misguided into following Fascism. But important people must be struck by repression.

2. Cantachiaro should never have published Mussolini's text; this was a political offence.

3. Why has the Government allowed the publication of several daily papers which no one needs at a time when life is difficult for most papers ? Profits made under the present regime or in the black market should be confiscated for the country and not invested in journalistic industry.

4. Unità comments on Gonella's pessimism. Germany will be done away for ever if Great Britain and Russia meet in Berlin. The three Baltic Republics are or will soon be Russian and become Soviet Republics so, they have nothing to complain about. As for Poland she is only required to abandon territories which are not hers for they are peopled by Russians, so she should be quiet about

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Filippo Gielli blames the obstinacy of the Polish Government of London. The Polish question has been solved on Polish soil without taking in consideration the will of the Government which is London. In the territory occupied by the Russians, there can be no other authorities than that of the Lublin Government, and when Russia has liberated all Poland, the whole territory will come under the Lublin Government. Now the Polish question can only be solved at the Peace Conference.

2. In the premises of the Ghiaccaia Romana, cattle is being unlawfully slaughtered and sold in the black market.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. It is not true that for the Communists, [illegible] is a way of creating disorder, writes Vello Sparo. The Communists are ready to show indulgence to those who were misguided into following Fascism, but import at people must be struck by repression.

2. Carroccia should never have published Mussolini's text; this was a political offence.

3. Why has the Government allowed the publication of several daily papers which no one needs at a time when life is difficult for most papers ? Profits made under the Fascist regime or in the black market should be confiscated for the country and not invested in journalistic industry.

4. Unità comments on Gonella's pessimism. Germany will be done away for ever if Great Britain and Russia meet in Berlin. The three Baltic Republics are or will soon be free and become Soviet Republics so, they have nothing to complain about. As for Poland she is only required to abandoned territories which are not hers for they are peopled by Russians, so she should be quiet about it and do what she is told, writes Sulzegor.

5. Unità feels that the other newspapers do not deserve to get a larger paper supply. Why should they have ? Four pages number is nobody reads them.

6. The proposal of the Communist Party for the creation of a large Italian [illegible] was unanimously approved.

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GENERAL

1. Statement of the Chief of the Press Office of the Presidency of the Council about the international relations of Italy which are getting more and more normal. - The internal situation is normal too and is improving in Sicily.

Einaudi and Introna have respectively been appointed Governor and General Manager of the Bank of Italy.

2. Statement of Roosevelt: He will soon meet Churchill and Stalin.

The policy of the United States will aim at giving all the people of the liberated countries the possibility of chosing freely their Government and the men by whom they are composed.

3. The Polish Government of Lublin will not be responsible for the financial engagements which may be taken in future by the London Government.

4. General Plastiras has been invited to form a new Government in Greece.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2. The new Apostolic Nuncio, Monsignor Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, has left for Paris.

3. E. does not see what harm the publication, by Centaconro, of Mussolini's speech has done or could have done.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. In 1945, writes V.R. in block letters, we shall have a

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National Army; the Monarchy will be set aside and replaced by a Temporary Govt, and we shall have Victory.

2. In other Democratic countries the Azzi case would have been discussed without scandal, but here the "camarilla" has made of it a personal question of discipline. To say that one must not go in for politics - even monarchist politics - is sufficient to bring the charge of "factionism", writes Paccicrdi . How can anyone speak of epuration in the Army till the King and Prince are epurated themselves? The text of the order of the day signed by the Prince on ending the five days campaign against France, given. 3. ends by saying that the Luogotenente and all the other "gentlemen" do not realize how much dynamite they are accumulating in the souls of the Italian people, in the souls, so far...

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2. A's comments; why did not the Council examine more deeply the Azzi case? Reorganisation of High Commissioner for fascist crimes should have been studied in the afternoon; with surprise we note entire abstention from the subject, except as concerns the above par c). Does it mean that the situation will remain unchanged, or that the Ministers could not come to an agreement among themselves ?

3. Trial against "spying Senators" postponed till liberation of Northern Italy, as three of them are there at present.

4. Text of message given by C.G.I.L. to Soviet syndicate delegation when it left Italy.

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5. Price of matches doubled.

6. If transport conditions were bettered it would be easier to get food into Rome.

7. Domenico Grisolia insists on the necessity of thorough and rapid epuration.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. By always monotonously insisting on old subjects - in evident contrast with the real necessities of the Country - Nenni proves that he has a pre-arranged plan for the destruction of Democracy. It is necessary, writes I.L., to have an organism where the various forces and ideas of the Nation can converge and the Assemblea Consultive should be this organism.

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2. Commenting on the declaration of the Socialist party about the political and economic situation of Sicily, Vibi says that separatism is not simply a problem of seditious minorities. It is nonsense to speak of the union of the landowners with the 'mafiosi' and the Fascists. The triumph of separatism would mean the end of the latifondi, for even nowadays, the landowners are persecuted by the mafiosi and unprotected by the Government. Gullo's law has exasperated the Sicilians. The Socialists themselves have declared that 'incoherent regulations of agrarian policy have caused great discontent among the masses of the small landowners'.

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3. Ezbeuf feels rather sore at the thought that the Labour Democrats will control 3 newspapers: 'Giornale del Popolo', 'Ricostruzione' and 'Indipendente'. For them, paper is not leading.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. It is impossible to foresee what will happen in the field of international policy, writes Guido Gonella. Will the rights to freedom and equality of all the people be acknowledge ? Will the nations be allowed to make their own decisions without transfer of millions of people? Will the dangerous policy of equilibrium prevail or will there be an attempt at cooperation and collective safety ? What about the zones of influence ?

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3. Dessa interviews d'Hospital of France Presse Agency: there is a great lack of comprehension between the French and the Italians. Everything will be easier when France knows what Italy thinks and Italy what France thinks.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Velio Spano sums up the situation of Italy, saying that there is still much to be done, but what has been done Italy owes to the working classes.

2. Attack against the people who live in the Parioli. They have not felt the war, they are well off.

3. The fifth column is still active says Unità.

GENERAL

1. The Council of Ministers: The C.L.N.A.I. will represent the Government in North Italy. The Council of Ministers has not been able to come to an agreement about the competence of the Ministry for occupied lands and about the reorganization of the High Commissariat for defascistization. Better financial conditions to the employees who have been pensioned off.

2. The Bishop of Athens has become regent of Greece. The King of Greece has declared he would only go back if called by the people.

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2. V. writes on the anti-monarchic feeling of all the Italian people; they realize that Italy's destruction is due to Monarchy and its sustainers, and they are not moved anymore by the word "concordia" which has been so much misused during the second half of the last century.

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3. Would it not be nigh time to abolish the Fascist decree by which all porters have to report to the Police what goes on daily in the houses they are in charge of ?

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Administrative elections and Women suffrage will represent one step forward in the rebirth of the Country, the former will give a serious basis to the administration of Communes and Provinces and will be very important for the future of Italian Democracy. Writes Serrati; these elections would be more successful by the immediate concession to women of the right to vote; it seems that only the Liberals are still hesitant about giving their approval. The entering into public life of that half of the Nation which had always been excluded from it, sanctions that equality before the State which is the basis of every democracy.

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9. Allied Military Police recaptured eight gangsters who had escaped on Christmas day.

10. The suburbs of Rome are full of "sinistrati"; these people must be put in a position to live again, not merely to vegetate, writes Rodolfo Iabacchi.

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ITALIA LIBERA (..ction)

1. What of the Alto Commissariato for Epuration? Ciasca writes at length and with great concern for the future of epuration. The fact that Sforza has resigned, indicating that hearty cooperation from the new Govt is not to be expected, is an indication of the situation. If he is replaced by a magistrate such an action will be in itself a repudiation of the very purpose for which the Commissariato was set up. For in essence it is a political and not a bureaucratic function, and was recognised as such even by Badoglio. It is true that epuration had not gone very fast for Sforza was constantly checked and impeded, but to place the operation now on a routine bureaucratic level would be a great step backward. And it must be remembered that if the necessary house-cleaning cannot be directed through legal channels, "insurrectional measures" are the only alternative.

2. Comment on two contradictory judgements given on magistrates up for epuration under the Committee presided over by Pagani; this proves the error of giving technicians a political responsibility of this sort.

3. General Azzi answers his accusers. Only twice in his military career has he broken rules of discipline and obedience; once in 1943 when he refused the order to surrender to the Germans, and again when he wrote the article for Italia Libera. For he realized what it might mean. But then as on the previous occasion he was moved solely by his devotion to the Army. Why IL POPOLO is shocked at the "moral" aspect of this action he cannot understand. He agrees with his critic however that his criticisms are not fundamental and awaits with interest the criticisms that Il Popolo will make in its turn. To Ricostruzione, he says he cannot take exception to what has appeared in its columns for the action of the Govt is matter of opinion. He would however object to R's statement that soldiers must fight and keep still - for 20 years Italian soldiers kept still and the result was the ruin of the Army and the Country.

4. I.B. also answers criticism of Azzi appearing in Popolo and Italia Nuova. Calls Tempo's attitude correct. Asks some "explanatory communication" from Ministry of War.

5. Revelation in the Rosta case. Mussolini's complicity in assassination of King Alexander and various plots in the Abyssinian situation have come to light.

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duplication of the evacuation. If he is replaced by a magistrate such an action will be in itself a repudiation of the very purpose for which the Commissariate was set up. For in essence it is a political and not a bureaucratic function, and was recognized as such even by Badoglio. It is true that epuration had not gone very fast for Sforza was constantly checked and impeded, but to place the operation now on a routine bureaucratic level would be a great step backward. And it must be remembered that if the necessary house-cleaning cannot be directed through legal channels, "insurrectional measures" are the only alternative.

2. Comment on two contradictory judgements given on magistrates up for epuration under the Committee presided over by Pagani; this proves the error of giving technicians a political responsibility of this sort.

3. General Azzi answers his accusers. Only twice in his military career has he broken rules of discipline and obedience; once in 1943 when he refused the order to surrender to the Germans, and again when he wrote the article for Italia Libera. For he realized what it might mean. But that as on the previous occasion he was moved solely by his devotion to the army. Why IL POPOLO is shocked at the "moral" aspect of this action he cannot understand. He agrees with his critic however that his criticisms are not fundamental and awaits with interest the criticisms that Il Popolo will make in its turn. To Ricostruzione, he says he cannot take exception to what has appeared in its columns for the action of the Govt is matter of opinion. He would however object to R's statement that soldiers must fight and keep still - for 20 years Italian soldiers kept still and the result was the ruin of the Army and the Country.

4. I.L. also answers criticism of Azzi appearing in Popolo and Italia Nuova. Calls Tempo's attitude correct. Asks some "explanatory communication" from Ministry of War.

5. Revelation in the Rosetta case. Mussolini's complicity in assassination of King Alexander and various plots in the Abyssinian situation have come to light.

6. The "Mense Aziendali" must be allowed to function. There has been difficulty getting new permits. This must not continue, and, further, the "mense" must be assured of supplies.

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7. I.L. would like the Questura to release more details on the Fascist provocateurs who were arrested while putting up posters a few days ago.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Vulcano comments on Roosevelt's economic creed which acknowledges the obvious fact that the future of the working man

and of the former is based on the possibility of existence of private initiative. Those who support the left ideologies attack the egoism of the rich classes. Are they sure that everybody, including the members of the said classes, would have altruistic enough to work without profit for the Communists if private initiative was suppressed and if they couldn't benefit by their work ?

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3. The Commissariat to Stampa has issued an Order of the day about the freedom of Press, expressing the hope that the Italian Press will evaluate events with the sense of responsibility required by the war situation.

4. Article by Bruno Romani on the sudden interruption in the building industry caused by war, on the destruction due to bombing and shelling and on the enormous economic difficulties which will have to be faced in repairing or rebuilding the 4.000.000 rooms destroyed.

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Why should the army belong, morally, to the King ? Facciardi continues with an attack against Badoglio. No Minister, in this period of transition, is legally obliged to give oath to the King; so why should the Generals ? Azzi's gesture is praiseworthy, but because of it he has been suspended. We are happy to realize, ends R. that even in the army there is a strong desire for morality

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but the real Sicilian spirit has not been understood, the real Sicilian problem has not been tackled (let alone solved) writes Francesco Nitti. Sicilians are grateful to the Republican party which seems to be the only one to have realized the Republican tendency of the island's separatist movement. "Sicily for the Sicilians", let this fact be accomplished, not by decree but by the free will of the people.

4. It is a known fact, writes G.P., that a certain amount of electric energy had been allotted for a partial street illumination; why, then, is this not done ?

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. It seems that Scorza's place will be taken by Casati, President "di sezione" of the Court of Cassation.

2. Why does not Casati, Minister of war, issue an official communiqué on the Ravi "case" ?

3. Twelve more Senators appointed.

4. Why, asks Lanni, can we not give a greater contribution to the war effort, especially now that Germans seem to have passed to a strong attack also in Italy ? We don't see any way of salvation for the Italian people, unless the Allies show their confidence in them and unless a Democratic Govt sticks to a courageous policy.

5. The Socialist "Giunta Comunale" has resigned as a protest against the riots which have burst out in Sicily; news received from Trapani points out that disorders were due to fascist elements.

6. Referring to Soleri's relation on financial situation and answering some references to it by other newspapers, Avanti says that it is high time to stop small games of postponement and to begin serious work, if not for love of the people who tighten their belts, at least for charity towards our country.

7. The CTC should keep in mind that in this period of shortage and sometimes even of lack, of transportation, the telephone could solve many questions and save a lot of very precious time in many instances.

L'ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The fact that General Azzi has been put on inactive list should please Il Popolo and the Democ-Christians. 48 hours have

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been sufficient, as the Avanti said, to hit and dismiss a Democratic general, to punish an act of courage, while six months have not been long enough to punish all those guilty. And the Govt considers the episode closed. When the first Bonomi Govt was created, there was a feeling of faith among the people, but what has that Govt done ? nothing. And so the situation gets worse, and scepticism and indifference spread; the episode of General Azzi, the one of Lt Giovanni Sforza who was condemned to ten years for having refused to give oath, and many others, become the links of a lengthening chain which will end by destroying democracy.

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8. Inhabitants of Itri would like to erect a monument to the famous bandit "Fra Diavolo" of whom they are very proud. Happily they cannot do it because all available material must be used to repair war damages; we hope, says the writer, that this desire will

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not find imitators elsewhere; in so many villages and small towns there are now famous bandits.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commenting on Rossini's statement, Roberto Lucifero says that Sonnoi mean ins silent, while the others compromise themselves, their parties, their Government and even the country. Rossini's statement is very vague and deals with all Government matters, without saying anything, except in the end: it announces the administrative elections, without saying according to which criterion they will be made; advisory Commissions will also be created, but no particulars are given about the way they will be constituted.

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1. Mario Ferrara writes violently on the easiness with which people seem to forget that war still goes on not only in Europe but also in Italy, and civil war is ready to burst out, that people die of cold and starvation, that houses are destroyed, that hunger menaces even the large towns; who, he asks, remembers that such cities as Turin, Milan, Genoa, still exist and that the people there suffer under the iron heel of the German S.S. ? We must fight

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with arms (six Italian new divisions are soon going to join the front-line). Can it be true that some young men, when called up, refuse to answer and hide so as not to fight? It is high time our Govt had a war policy and the people lived a life of war, as everyone has done, for five years now, in England. Only so will Italians be able to fight, and, perhaps, win; only so shall we be able to save Italy for the future generations.

2. Lawyers have not much work at present; naturally, because slackness in all kinds of business deprives them of their clients. But at least Justice, writes G. Ornato, could be accelerated. Now even people who would apply to justice do not do it because of its well-known slowness.

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6. Shoes cost about 5.000 Lire. The Government should fix a price, that the population can afford to pay.

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GENERAL

1. The situation in Greece. Statement of Churchill; the British troops will not leave Greece till they have the guarantee that a loyal government will be constituted, a government which will not make its adversary pay for all that happened in the past.

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The Athens conference was suspended; the conditions of U.L.A.S. have not been discussed.

The Greek question will be discussed at a meeting between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

2. On January 1st, France will become 'de jure' one of the United Nations.

3. An agreement between Rome and Paris might be concluded in the first week of 1945. Italy would give up the privileges enjoyed by the Italians in Tunisia. Bonnet declared that an agreement between France and Italy is necessary, not only for Italy, but also for Europe.

4. De Gasperi's speech: the foreign office must resume its old traditions, to help to re-build the country.

5. Message of the Vice-President of the United States: the United States trust in Italy's effort towards reconstruction.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - Not available.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. This war will accelerate the rhythm of economic evolution; individual economy is retreating before social economy; this, says M. D'Ambrosio, is Bonomi's thought. As the State is a healthy democracy it is natural that the economy that it must control and direct has to be based on social aims; in an introduction to a repainting of "The new ways of Socialism", Bonomi discusses the travail of doctrines and methods of half a century of Socialist movement. Though, goes on M. D'A., we disagree on certain points with the author, we approve of the publication as we regard it as a useful guide specially for the young who are interested in doctrines and developments of the reformism that Bonomi describes with elegance and objectiveness.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Pacciardi is not against publishing Mussolini's speech or any other Nazi-Fascist news, as they are published and broadcast in America. No Italian after 20 years aphrodisiac eloquence, can take Mussolini's words seriously, so why should we not know how the propaganda is carried on in the North of our country? P. says that the whole of M.'s speech is really an appeal by the Germans to the Allies to abandon the idea of unconditional surrender; the slow progress of war has given M. new hope; as for his republican propaganda it is only meant to abolish the King so that he himself may tomorrow have all the power. But the real Republican party is fighting not only monarchy but also Fascism; and real Republicans will not let themselves be taken in by the Duce's words.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Not available.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - Not available.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. This war will accelerate the rhythm of economic evolution; individual economy is retreating before social economy; this, says M. D'Ambrosio, is Bonomi's thought. As the State is a healthy democracy it is natural that the economy that it must control and direct has to be based on social aims; in an introduction to a reprinting of "The new ways of Socialism", Bonomi discusses the travail of doctrines and methods of half a century of Socialist movement. Though, goes on M. D'A., we disagree on certain points with the author, we approve of the publication as we regard it as a useful guide specially for the young who are interested in doctrines and developments of the reformism that Bonomi describes with elegance and objectiveness.

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3. Arturo Bianchini says that the Agro Romano should be more exploited, at least as pasture land, so as to stop the increasing diminishing of live stock, specially sheep.

4. S.T.P.R.A.L. should make its communiqués on distribution of rations more clear.

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MORNING REPORTS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The Azzi scandal. General Azzi, one of the few who fought vigorously against the Germans, had expressed the opinion that the army should be called the Esercito Nazionale instead of Regio and that the higher ranks should be epurated. Immediately he was put on inactive service. Perhaps this was inevitable, says Avanti, but it is scandalous that such a man should be removed when so many generals whose record is far different are still in office.

2. Protest against 5th column leaflets, attacking Communists and Socialists, being circulated among partisans.

3. Press conference of Ufficio Stampa della Presidenza. After stating that relations with France were now good and that the war effort was the prime concern of the Govt, the chief of the Ufficio Stampa said that for internal affairs the main concern of the Govt was epuration, alimentation and reconstruction. "There will be changes in the central organs of epuration" he added. Sforza wishes to resign and he may be succeeded by a magistrate. The essential mechanism of epuration will be retained - with some improvements to expedite it... Administrative elections cannot be held until late spring and as for the Consultive Assembly, plans for it are now being studied.

4. Bitter comment of A. on plan to substitute a magistrate to Sforza. This an end to any serious epuration, A. thinks.

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6. Letter has been written by union leaders to Walter Citrine formally asking that Italian representatives be allowed to participate in International Labour Congress in London, to be held in February.

7. Dispatch from Florence; the usual phenomenon is appearing there; the people live in misery and a few rich are enjoying themselves, and attracting Allied officers to their circle. These people were in most cases fascists and pro-Germans. A list of names is being prepared and it is hoped this will have some effect.

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9. First instalment of supplies from American Relief for Italy have arrived.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Referring to yesterday's comments in Italia Nuova and

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Popolo, on the Nazi case, we should like, says I.L. to answer them, specially the Popolo, whose democratic sincerity we doubt, as these papers deserve; but we shall not do it until all the details of the case are made clear. When in June the C.L.N. parties decided to adopt an oath so as to guarantee their political and moral independence from the monarchy, they did it to give a concrete content to the "patto di tregua".

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Another article by Einaudi exposing the complicated definition of income taxes and the difficulty of ascertaining them; tax payers themselves, even if they did want to declare the truth are not very often able to do it, as they do not know how they stand. Old lists of tax payers are of no use; door keepers or such, who used to be poor, may now be very rich (black market dealing)

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and the other way round. It is not an easy question to solve, ends Einaudi.

2. Proposals to be submitted to the next Council of Ministers on the increase of pensions, have been drawn up by competent institutions; proposals are made to increase pensions by a third, from the first of January, and to double the high cost of living indemnity.

3. Another appeal to obtain 40.000 blankets for the Abruzzo sinistrati who are litterally dying of cold, sleeping on bare floors in roofless and windowless houses.

TEMPO (Independent)

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3. Another historical article (Chapt 12) on life during German occupation.

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3. General Rosetta and several other generals charged with offences against public safety.

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Statement of Churchill: Great Britain intervened in Greece

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in agreement with Roosevelt and Stalin, in conformity with the invitation made in Caserta by the representatives of all Greek parties. Great Britain does not want anything from Greece, and hopes to hasten the establishment of a strong Government. Meanwhile, the armistice conditions of General Scobie must be accepted.

2. Rossini explains to the foreign press the program of the Government: The Government has gladly resumed diplomatic relations with Belgium and reactivated them with Rumania. It hopes to be soon able to resume diplomatic relations with France, with whom there are still some problems to be solved. - The Government is bent on increasing the war effort; the chief problems are epuration, food, and reconstruction.

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2. Text of speech by the Pope to the children of the Pontificia Università Gregoriana.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Account of Christmas Mass in St. Peter's.

2. Text of the Radio Message by the Pope to the whole world.

3. Orlando has arrived in Rome.

4. Through the U.N.R.R.A. American Relief for Italy has distributed - in Velmontone, Aquino and Pontecorvo - the first shipments of clothing and food, to 30.000 children; representatives of the American Embassy at the Vatican, of the Italian Red Cross and of the Italian Public Health, were present.

5. The Prefect issued an ordinance by which all Public Transports of Rome must join in one Commission to study the various problems.

EPOCA (Labour Democrat) - Not available.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) - Not available.

MORNING PAPERS

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2. Complaint from Editor of the Fascio Socialista (Cosenza) is forwarded to Minister of Justice. The editor says that for a little plain speaking he has been threatened with imprisonment - Where is freedom of the Press ?

3. France means business. Confiscation of Renault works announced. Nothing like this has yet happened in Italy though such action is long overdue, thinks Avanti.

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6. Film Italian film since liberation is now being made. Technical equipment is not impressive, but the writer feels hopeful about the industry.

7. Christmas parties for the needy are laudable and even the Royal household is to be admired for its gesture of hospitality. But distributing pictures of the little princes is hardly good taste. Avanti wishes the "little darlings" the best of fortune - far from the throne - but thinks it undignified to make them "electoral agents".

8. Croce revealed Bonomi's newly intention of going outside parties for ministers (Digest for 24th Dec, under Italia Nuova)... However Avanti also thanks Croce for his kind words about Bonni.

9. Avanti not impressed by Soleri's easy confidence regarding Italian financial situation.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Though patriots have been beaten in a military sense at Domodossola, this episode does not lose any of its deep significance; everyone who fought there felt the "moral continuity that, notwithstanding its tragic ending" the deed would pass to history. (Poesio)

2. Renewed diplomatic relations between Italy and Belgium; Ambassadors will soon be assigned to Rome and Bruxelles.

3. One of the advantages of democratic elections is that the result shows the political opinion of the electors; the elections which have been held at the Rome University show, in fact, the Fascist mentality of the majority of the Professors of the faculties of litterature and law; Fascist activities of Cardinali and Vassalli are too well known for their election as presidi of the two above faculties to have been unintentional. What does the Minister of Public Education think about this ?

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commenting on the Pope's speech, Enzo Selvaggi says that democracy means the expression of human personality. The Fascist regime considered the people as a mass; this mistake must be avoided. There will be no possibility of democracy if the people is kept in a state of inferiority, living a passive life.

2. In Italia Libera, General Azzi says that the old oath sworn by the army should be abolished; by a new oath, the soldiers would pledge themselves to defend the country, under orders of the Chief of the State, whoever he may be. - Italia Nuova definitely disagrees with Gen. Azzi; the institutional question must be solved by the Italian people; on this question there is an agreement of truce; the oath is actually sworn to the Chief of the State. - General Azzi is a high ranking officer, at present in service, and commanding

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the Lazio-Umbria-Abruzzi Region. His article calls in question his own oath, so that people are now inclined to ask: whom does he obey or is he feeling inclined to obey ? It is the first time in Italy that a general takes an open stand on a political question, proposing a regulation with a revolutionary character. If this fact passes unobserved, it will not be possible to deny the same right to other officers.

3. Bebuf wonders whether the Government will finally dissociate epuration from party interest.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Italian women should have the right to vote. They deserve it and are politically mature.

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2. Hungary has been Germany's most staunch ally, and did not deserve the help or the comprehension of the United Nations. In spite of this, the Soviet Union has given Hungary the possibility to redeem itself. Therefore Italy too can count on help and support.

3. The workers who depend on the State have not been as lucky as those who depend on private enterprises. In many cases, the allotment for the high cost of living has not yet been paid. (Giuseppe Di Vittorio)

4. Article against Carlo Mazzeo director of the Pianosa prison.

GENERAL

1. Situation in Greece: the Archbishop Damaskinos presided over the conference which was held on December 26th. It was said that British participation would be limited to a speech, for the discussions were to be a purely Greek matter.

2. French proposals for a new anglo-french treaty.

3. American help to Italy: relief is brought to the most devastated areas.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) - Not available.

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days or a few weeks, but this is better than letting Nazi-fascist criminals free to plot against the Country in arms and the people torn by innumerable difficulties.

2. We quite realise, writes U.I. commenting on the agreement between Unions and owners on an extraordinary indemnity to workers, that what has been decided is only a drop of water (though it amounts to several billions) and that the situation, for many workers, gets worse every day; every day that passes puts them face to face with the terrible dilemma: either to go on working honestly, and almost starve, or to abandon their work and become black market dealers.

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A great courage is needed to face this reform which concerns not only the Ministry of Public ~~Law~~ but the entire present society.

4. The A.C.G.I. (Ascoli Piceno Catholic Circle for Italian) will begin its manifestations on Sunday by showing a film on Abraham Lincoln.

5. The Ansa Company wants to put an advertised increase on the price of gas, and the Giunta Comunale votes against it.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Regional autonomy. Article by Francesco Fancello. Separatism should be checked, but autonomy encouraged. The appointment of High Commissioners is justifiable only as an emergency measure. One should guard against thinking the desire for regional autonomy is merely a reaction against fascism, partly by over-centralization pre-dates fascism and the present drive for local independence is deep-seated and over-due.

2. Composition and duties of the "consulta" for Sicily and Sardinia. 24 members in Sicily, 16 in Sardinia, as it is understood. Those bodies will not be merely bureaucratic but they will have functions of representation and expression of political currents. Members to be chosen from economic, political, cultural and workers' organizations as well as technicians. They will work closely with the Commissario and it is expected that in some matters their opinion will be decisive.

3. Comment on Pentimalli-Del Vecchio verdict. A puzzling contrast to the 30 years dealt out to Ivanoi. For she was merely a hysterical woman and they are two soldiers who abandoned their posts. And that should mean death. Perhaps the Court took in consideration that there are others who have a graver responsibility: the General Staff, Badoglio, the Monarchy, at least the sentence gives the two Generals opens the way to "identifying the others responsible" for the collapse of the Army.

- Account of last day of trial. Defence pointed out that the Germans had been in Naples for 2 years one could hardly say that the City had been turned over to them by Pentimalli. Nor were they altimately responsible for defence plans. Further there was much confusion; Badoglio announced indeed in a proclamation of Sept 15th that it had been the Italians' intention to "lay down their arms and abstain from hostile acts against anyone".

4. Story of Partisan organization in Val d'Ossola (Novara).

5. Article on transport by i.b. Discusses various problems which, he feels, the creation of ~~NAC~~ has left unsolved.

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6. Protest against indelicate remark made by prosecutor to Cornelia Tanzi. Public Ministers should be gentlemen as well as honest men.

7. Large scale raid on Tormarancio last night; 200 arrests. This because of violence against Carabinieri on 17th. No political angle, says writer.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

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5. Mussolini's last speech has been published by Cantachiaro. How is it that the Government gives such a generous allotment of paper to the papers of the opposition ?

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2. Commenting on the conclusion of the Generals' trial, L.B. says: Very well, but what about all the others who are responsible?

3. In yesterday's Avanti Nenni said that the Greek situation was not unlike Italy's, where a feeling of "psychological cleavage of the people from the Allies" was beginning to appear. R.L. is violently against this affirmation and says that "the cause of the Allies is our cause, the cause of freedom, the cause of the universal fight against Fascism".

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Conti writes against the verdict of the Pentimalli and Del Tetto trial. What is the use of condemning these two Generals who were only "servi" of those who are really responsible ? Prison to the two Generals and promises of resurrection to the King and the Prince. When will all this hypocricy end ?

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4. Small landowners cannot cultivate their fields: lack of seeds, lack of anti-disease products, lack of communications and the delinquency which makes the country-side unsafe, hinder their good intentions.

5. Cancel the electric companies' profits just a little more energy, so as to have some light on the stairs.

MORNING PAPERS

Avanti (Socialist)

1. Council of Ministers:

a) Approval of the budget proposed by the Minister of Treasury for the whole present financial administration. (Details given on public debt, expenses, pre-fire, etc).

b) Having seen the agreement established between C.G.I.L. and employers (industrial, commercial, agricultural, banking and insurance sections) on 13th month, "Tremilica" approved of it and made it obligatory.

c) As unemployment the Council said that the money put at disposal of reconstruction will probably permit giving work to a sufficient number. To prevent further unemployment due to repatriation of prisoners and labourers from abroad, the Minister of Public Works has been charged to work out an emergency program;

d) The Head High Commissioner has been asked to keep in mind the demands advanced by the C.G.I.L.;

e) All trade employees, in Rome and other large cities, have been granted a special "gratifica";

f) The Council recognised the necessity of adopting special provisions to help pensioners; draft of decree approved; meanwhile, from the 1st of January, part-payments will be given.

Next meeting at the 30th.

2. Nenni writes once more on the causes of the ministerial crisis, and explains the reasons of the Socialist opposition to the Govt, in favour of the C.L.N. This opposition, though, will not forget that war is still continuing: in Milan, he ends, we shall probably see the Christian Democracy turn to the left, under the "push" of the peasant masses of the Val Padana and the Veneto.

3. Subalpino, recalling the historic symbol of the donkey in the "Presepio", says that Italians are too serious to "fanciullegiare", as "our Visitors know so well now to; they always become children at Xmas".

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4. Christian Democracy is a new name for an old party, which has called itself Catholic, Clerical, Popular; though now it tends to classify itself as Leftist, it really is a conservative party which should like to be liberal, says Corrado Barangallo.

5. The U.D.I. Committee has approved an order of the day asking for women to be included in the election lists.

6. After the last war the crisis broke out when peace, with great difficulty, had been established; this time it has occurred before; it is absurd to believe that the whole world will accept government by a restricted number of powers. France has already affirmed its political autonomy; discontent in other countries shows this same desire. We all need a word of good sense, says Zimarcas, after such an orgy of irrationalism.

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2. Bebeuf says that the "Generals" should have been tried by a military Court of Justice.

3. Croce, interviewed by Spriano, said that the second Bonomi Govt is more compact than the first one; it will also gain - by the abstention of two parties and their ensuing discussions - a symbol of the future parliamentary discussions; it is only to be regretted

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4. Words of welcome to the "Cristiani Sociali" who have joined the Italian Democratic Party.

5. Rations of cigarettes to be increased.

6. Thieves, last night, tried to steal the elephant from the zoo.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Mass has not been celebrated by a Pope in Saint Peter's, since the year 800 when Carlo Magno was crowned emperor on Xmas night.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Article by Einaudi on Liberalism in relation to economic and income-tax questions.

ITALIA (Independent)

1. Battle in the West. Renewed sufferings of Belgium and Luxembourg prove yet again the impossibility of neutrality for small States and the need of unity in Europe. I also should on a warning to individual States that the time has not yet come for internal differences.

2. Croce on crisis. In an interview with Spriano (Reuter) C. said that he thought Sonnoi had made a mistake in not giving posts to at least some leading figures without party affiliations. He also thinks S. should remedy the "defects in structure" which were the origin of the crisis and create the advising Council (Consulta) as soon as possible.

3. Letter of Admiral Stone quotes with appreciation; as invites the young refugee Sergio Costa to Christmas dinner and also to his home every Saturday afternoon. . Other details of the "Padrinato" and Christmas plans for children.

4. Strong objection to the suppression of the faculty of Political Science at the University. An unjustified action carried out in an undemocratic manner by De Ruggiero, says the writer.

5. Orlando speaks to Students in Palermo.

6. Enrico Fermi, noted physicist, returns to Italy.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Army of good will to be formed mostly by women who follow Tito's army to help the wounded and the sick. Nobody in Yugoslavia today would even dream of not trying to help.

2. Pertinelli's and Del Testo's crime has been called "abandonment of post" instead of "desertion", so, instead of being shot as they should have been, they were just condemned to twenty years.

3. The world-famous painter Picasso has joined the French Communist Party.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni writes at length on the attitude of the "British man

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in the street", on the Greek crisis. The situation, he feels, is not unlike Italy's; with few exceptions the EDES now supported by London was pro fascist and pro German during the long days of the underground struggle for liberation. In Italy too nothing could contribute more to the demoralization of our people than to observe that it is always the same group that is on the top, whether they are working with the fascists or the Germans or the English. From this demoralization revolt was born in Greece; in Italy the "people have been psychologically detached" from the Allied cause.

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2. Italian patriots who, several months ago, escaped from the Val d'Aosta into France, and are now camped in Grenoble, ask to be allowed to fight. It seems that American authorities have already provided them with the necessary equipment. We hope the French, says I.I. will not turn a deaf ear to this desire of our compatriots.

3. Radio speech by Canadoro on defascistisation and democratisation of schools, given in full.

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1. How can Togliatti say that he is speaking for all the Italian nation when the Communists should send their wishes to Stalin, but their leader is not qualified to speak for all the Italian nation. For twenty years, one man has pretended to be speaking in the name of the Italian people, and now the Italians have got to pay for what he did; tomorrow they will have to pay for the mistakes of the C.L.N. (Roberto Lucifero)

2. Yugoslavia is claiming Trieste. A.I. explains that Trieste is Italian.

3. Statement of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs about the Franco-Russian treaty: It aims at depriving Germany of every possibility of aggression; for this reason France agreed that Pomerania and Silesia should be given to Poland as a compensation for the provinces that she might have to give to Soviet Union.

4. The Italian State is guaranteeing the reconstruction loans.

5. Answering Italia Libera, Bonomi says that it is unlikely that an ambassador would be sarcastic in an official document, at a time when Fascism was killing liberty.

6. Why does not the T?ll grant more phone calls now that the electric situation has improved?

7. The policemen are quite decided not to run unnecessary

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1. How can Togliatti say that he is speaking for all the Italian nation when the Communists should send their wishes to Stalin, but their leader is not qualified to speak for all the Italian nation. For twenty years, one man has pretended to be speaking in the name of the Italian people, and now the Italians have got to pay for what he did; tomorrow they will have to pay for the mistakes of the C.L.N. (Roberto Lucifero)

2. Yugoslavia is claiming Trieste. A.D. explains that Trieste is Italian.

3. Statement of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs about the Franco-Russian treaty: It aims at depriving Germany of every possibility of aggression; for this reason France agreed that Pomerania and Silesia should be given to Poland as a compensation for the provinces that she might have to give to Soviet Union.

4. The Italian State is guaranteeing the reconstruction loans.

5. Answering Italia Libera, Labeuf says that it is unlikely that an ambassador would be sarcastic in an official document, at a time when fascism was killing liberty.

6. Why does not the ITTI grant more phone calls now that the electric situation has improved?

7. The policemen are quite decided not to run unnecessary risks; when trouble is brewing, they disappear.

8. 15.000 eggs have been blocked in the various provinces near Rome. No wonder the capital is starving.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The present happenings in Belgium prove that it was necessary to establish discipline; instead of that, the forces of the resistance opposed the Government which wanted to get rid of useless and undisciplined activity. (Guido Gonella)

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2. Speech of Alcisio in Palermo: irresponsible elements are trying to complicate the very serious situation of Sicily at a time when everybody should unite.

3. Fascist syndical organizations are being liquidated.

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2. Macmillan and Alexander discussed the Italian situation.

3. Orlando spoke, in Palermo, about the still existing difference between Sicily's and other regions' economical conditions.

4. It seems that Ministerial personnel will be kept in service till the age of 70

5. 330 cars of all kinds put into working conditions again, in Lazio and Umbria.

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UNITA' (Communist)

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2. Interview with Nenni on his return from England: the Labourists are not satisfied with Italian policy which they consider from the point of view of war. They condemn Germany and make little difference between the nation and the Government.

3. Why does no one attempt to find out who were the agents of the OVRA?

4. Speech of the Undersecretary of State for Merchant Marine in Palermo: the Sicilian working classes and students have always understood what the interests of the nation were. They must not listen to the small group of separatist traitors.

5. Unità does not agree with the verdict of the De Bufalo trial. De Bufalo should have been condemned.

6. Rationed foodstuffs can only be bought by those who could make application for them during the previous four months. Therefore those who were not in Rome during this time do not eat.

GENERAL

1. The situation in Greece: one third of Athens is in the hands of the British troops. Fighting goes on.

2. Statement of Eden: the British Government does not want a pause of a week; it means to get a definitive solution to all Greek problems. New debate in the House of Lords.

3. The verdict of the Del Tetto-Pentimalli trial will be given today.

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3. Roosevelt declared that the Atlantic Charter has never been signed; but the United Nations have signed the Washington declaration containing the principles stated in the A.C.

4. Oreste Bianchi says it is useless to give too much freedom to those who import food into Rome because half the stuff that gets imported disappears before reaching the "mercatini rionali", into the greedy hands of black market dealers.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Salute to Candidus who, ceasing to be just a voice - a voice which gave hope and joy during long months - is going to become a man.

2. The Ministry of Treasure has decided to pay those debts - to private institutions - which do not amount to more than 200.000 lire, and part-payments on larger ones.

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5. Senator Del Bufalo and son absolved of charge of aiding Germans.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni, in his first article since his return from London,

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expresses his admiration for the strict sense of duty which governs the life of the whole of England; everybody is subordinate to war discipline, works for war and, because of war, is loyal to all regulations; food is plentiful and moderately cheap, no black market, fires in the grates and hot water in the bath rooms. So it is from this point of view that England considers the agitations in liberated countries; she believes that all problems not strictly military should be put off till after the war; but this means forgetting political, social and moral needs, points out N. We have tried to show our London friends that British foreign policy is not equal to the situation, and that the necessity of a fight which will destroy for ever reactionary forces - in Italy and other liberated countries - is quite as great as war necessities are.

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2. Message of praise by Bonomi to patriots of Val d'Aosta summarized.

3. More on paper. Italia Nuova admits it was favored by the paper "commission which dictatorially holds the keys of public opinion" (in a decision made yesterday) but what it is really concerned with is not quantity but equity.

4. Article by Scrutator. Thesis being that C.L.N. is not democratic. Marxist parties are certainly not.

5. A debt of honour. There are rumors of last minute obstacles to concession of relief to pensioners. This is intolerable; these people must be taken care of.

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institution - though a small one -, representing the Parliament we have not got, to which we will periodically expose the work we have done." These words written by Croce and undersigned by the representatives of the six parties, appeared in the program of the first coalition Govt, in April 1943. Only yesterday did the Govt evidently remember this (see Quotidiano para 2, b). This assembly, writes Panfilo Gentile, may be formed by election or by appointment by the Govt, it makes no difference as long as its members are chosen in all zones and even among opposition, so that they may really represent the "Voice of the Country", and help the Govt in many problems, among which the forming of the Costituente.

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2. Article in praise of Stalin.

3. The employees should get a 13th month's salary, and those who have been pensioned off 1000 Lire in anticipation. The people who have a fixed salary are at present worse off than anybody else. The employers are attempting to avoid taking any decision of a general character which might bring relief to their employees.

4. Article of Lombardo Radice against fascist profiteers.

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GENERAL

1. The Council of Ministers: The regulations for Sicily and Sardinia are the beginning of a great experience in regional autonomy. Separatism is opposed to the interests and ideals of the nation. Communal elections will take place in spring.

2. Churchill has been asked whether there is a complete collaboration and agreement between the United Nations and Russia about the policy of the British Government in Greece. - The Prime Minister answers that the task of coping with Greece was the lot of Great Britain. The way of fulfilling this task gave rise to many criticisms, but the three Great Powers entirely agree about general aims which cement their alliance, and they have to collaborate closely at the present important phase of the conflict.

3. Ultimatum of General Scobie. If the [illegible] guns don't stop firing by tomorrow morning, all the means at the disposal of the British Force will be used against Athens.

4. Sforza will not go to America.

5. The Tonielli-Del Vecchio trial.

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2. Pentimalli and Del Tetto trial; Del Tetto said yesterday that Umberto di Savoia was quite aware of the military situation in Rome. Neither P. nor Del T. can deny that their duty was to resist to the Germans; but they hide behind the general and uncertain quality of the orders received; we despise them, writes A.C. when they try to share responsibilities with those superior to them in command, and even with the troops.

3. Subalpino answers Quotidiano' criticism of Saragat using the word "ovations" in speaking of the reception given to Nenni in London,

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saying that "ovation" is not a fascist word but an old Roman one.

4. It may seem, writes Nazzareno Padoni, that the C.G.I.L. and other similar organisations forward too many requests to the Govt; it is so only because, in spite of these continuous requests, the living conditions of all workers are still far too bad.

5. Some functionaries have been discharged from the Foreign office, not by the epuration commission, but following pre-war - and therefore pre-epuration - behaviour and routine; is this the right way of doing things ? asks Domenico Criscillo.

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2. Comment on Catania. Gen Trigona, says Scrutator, stands out clearly; in Catania - group of criminals attacked - barracks. The rest - talk of sep petism, for example - is all camouflage.. Scrutator wonders why Unità added to the official communiqué the comment, found in no other paper, that the demonstrators cried "Viva il Duce". He also finds the Govt Communiqué "wanting" in tone. It is true, he concludes, that the Govt has failed to face the Sicilian problem with decision and courage.

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3. Approving comment by Franco Amrano on Croce's article on Germany in which he urged the Italians to turn their attention to great political problems, not wasting their energy on petty partisan squabbles. Amrano points out the need of European unity - and is bound to confess he sees few signs of it.

4. Comment on second day of Pontinelli-Del Petro trial. The importance of memo 44" which the State Magazine is now unable to produce, is great, says I.N. It would also be useful if there were some military representatives among the judges.... follows detailed account of trial.

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TEMPO (Independent)

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rendered more tragic by the fact that in other parts of Italy Allied troops provide a certain number of people with work and food. We hope it is so, comments Tempo; there Italy, though poor, will do her best to help the islands; but the Catania disorders have broken out just at the time of recruiting.

2. A meeting of American and British personalities to be held soon in Washington; Italian economic situation will be discussed.

3. The "mercati generali" systems must be reformed, to obtain lower prices and to reduce black market.

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2. Fighting goes on in Athens; the British ambassador and Mr. MacMillan have had interviews with Papandreou, several Greek statesmen, as the Metropolitan Bishop of Athens, Damaskinos. It seems that the Communists have offered to lay down their arms on three conditions: armistice, resignation of Papandreou, creation of a regency council.

3. Catania is being patrolled; the Prefect has taken action to maintain order. - Commenting on the Catania incidents, the press says these troubles have been caused by the Separatists and the Fascists; besides the population is starving, and doesn't watch the men to leave again to go to the city.

4. Various articles on the Del Sotto-Pentimalli trial.

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Italian Republicans, writes Facciardi, will be always proud to have found an ally in such a man as Toscanini.

WORKING PAPERS

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2. Avanti continues its debate with Italia Nuova over paper. States that both journals have illicit supplies of news print.

3. Account of third day of Pentimalli-Del Tetto trial. Avanti says that trial is confirming the "ineptitude, ignorance and timidity" of the two Generals. Del T. says that he was carrying out the will of Badoglio - whose turn will come, says Avanti, when the surrender of Rome is investigated.

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3. Florence University entirely sprinted.

4. Sewing and darning yarn should really be cheaper, the more so because we all must do so much mending to keep our old clothes together.

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1. One of the main causes of the prejudiciousness of the Peace of Versailles was the fact that people and territories were divided and handed over without taking into consideration the requirements of the territories and the aspirations of the people. If the Polish question is not solved, there will be no peace in Europe. It is obvious that the Polish nation must be consulted before any decision is taken about its territory. Till now, it was believed that the agreement between the great powers constituted a guarantee, not only for a lasting peace, but also for an equitable settlement of the aspirations of the people who are conscious of the need to fulfil the duties corresponding to their rights. But according to Churchill's words, it seems that this agreement depends on the changing equilibrium between the power of the Polish Government in London and that of the Polish Committee of liberation. There should be no more talk of strategic frontier, which imply war and not peace. (Ivan Silvagni)

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2. Five years ago, there were 17.850.000 Jews, writes Diogene. Now, only 11.000.000 are left, this because of German cruelty.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. At the end of this war, beaten once more, will not Germany find again, in the frightful war fought by Hitlerism, an epic reason to exult in the glory of having destroyed Europe and shed the blood of millions of men, women and children? So Croce ending his comment on a book by Salomon, "The Proscribed", which shows the stronger rebirth of Germany after 1920.

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2. R.L. condemns the demonstrations made by the Sicilian students, as protest against recruiting; their conduct is to be blamed, especially now that in Northern Italy all students are fighting the Nazi-fascists.

3. American Red Cross seems to have set eyes on the Palazzo Venezia; this palace is a national monument containing many valuable treasures. We hope the Americans have not forgotten that General Brown, only two months ago, said that there was a great difference between military "necessity" and "convenience", and more convenience would not be satisfied.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Filippo Sacchi, after having stated that Tempo had so far made no comment on the Greek situation, deplores the rather absurd fact that British soldiers should find themselves obliged to use their arms, intended to fight the Germans, against people just "liberated".

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Commenting on the Del Bono-Pentimalli trial, Velio Spano says that individual responsibility mustn't be excused on the pretence of collective responsibility.

2. Interview with Di Vittorio about the organization of supplies. The producers must be encouraged, and the supply and distribution organizations put in the hands of the population. Mills and bakers must be under strict surveillance. (Riccardo Longone)

GENERAL

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3. American Red Cross seems to have set eyes on the Palazzo Venezia; this palace is a national monument containing many valuable treasures. We hope the Americans have not forgotten what General Brown, only two months ago, said that there was a great difference between military "necessity" and "convenience", and more conveniences would not be satisfied.

PATRIC (Independent)

1. Filippo Sicili, after having stated that Tempo had so far made no comment on the Greek situation, declares the rather absurd fact that British soldiers should find themselves obliged to use their arms, intended to fight the Germans, against people just "liberated".

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. G. Zuccarini, speaking the other day at the Galleria, said that the Republican question is not only political but also economic and social; it is absurd to try to keep monarchy alive at all costs, for it is dead in the hearts of all Italians. Monarchy, in Italy, implies privilege, discussions, and Fascism maintained in its essential basis; it is the conservation of those laws and systems

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which have dominated our past; anyhow the Savoia monarchy has never been a liberal one: on the contrary, it imposed on Italy a Napoleonic dictatorship based on bureaucracy; the parties which formed the parliament had never really any power. Churchill, he went on, is doubtlessly a wonderful animator, and an untiring fighter, but he is a very bad judge of internal politics of other nations. The orator then said that the Govt has forgotten that its first duty should have been that of freeing Italy from her past; without this freedom, no use speaking about reconstruction. He then went into more technical details suggesting abolition of certain offices and changes of others, and undertaking of solutions to the economic problem.

2. Sicily was the first to applaud the "liberators"; it has also been the first to be disillusioned, writes F.N. Colajanni. England has undertaken the responsibility of governing Italy, and we all know what English conservatism is. British newspapers write that Italians, still uncivilized, do not need democracy, but a strong Govt and must be ruled by those same laws which ruled them for twenty years. We do not approve, for we believe that fascist laws, whether in peace or war time, are always wrong. He then goes on to describe the fact that no Italy newspapers appear in Sicily except those officially issued by the British Military Command.

3. The day of victory is still far off, and meanwhile our tragic and humiliating situation continues, and hinders the little we might do to help on the war effort.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. Lengthy coverage of Del Vecchio and Pertinelli trial. Avanti is indignant at yesterday's attempt by the defence to put the trial in the hands of a military tribunal and thus postpone the verdict.

3. Subalpino writes on the Alto Commissariato for sanctions against fascism. Italo-he says was the only real fascist [illegible]

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4. Message of Costello U.S. Congress Military Affairs Committee man. Impressed by zeal and industry of Italians in reconstruction. Points out that Allied must still send all their efforts towards winning the war, though of course they will do all they can for Italy.

5. Party of the Sinistra Cristiana in order to show its expressed intention of collaborating more closely with leftist parties - especially the Socialist.

6. Article against moratorium on notes - it favours black market profiteers, according to A.

7. At Bertola the local "lordling latifondista (an well known fascist" has been appointed sindaco.

8. Story of wretched life of Italian prisoners in Greece, sold by a recently arrived survivor. Bad treatment by Germans and by Greeks, and two weeks detention on "arrivo" on arrival in Italy.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Italia Libera writes that it hopes that the Generals' trial will show the responsibilities of those above.

2. P.d.A. says that even too much slowness is a crime in the question of trying to save Italy's works of art which have been partly destroyed by war.

3. The Central C.L.N. expressed its belief that the four party Govt will not break up the unity of the parties in their contribution towards greater war effort.

4. The Florence Act on Purge says for a rapid and radical epuration.

5. Bonomi received a confession from the "reactionary Stampa" which hopes that the Press Concentration Act will gradually disappear.

6. Article on the aims of the C.L.N.A.I. to which by the end of this month will have to belong all proprietors of all kinds of arms.

UNITÀ NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The treaty between Britain and Russia is drafted in a way that doesn't permit the possibility of substituting for it an international agreement, as in the case of the agreement between Russia and England. This might prove a certain mistrust of both nations about the present 'political constellation'. By entrusting a special task to an exclusively European Union, outside or even in contrast with the block of the United Nations, the treaty might give the impression that Europe has not changed and might reinforce America's incomprehension of Europe. Besides, the clause contained in the second paragraph might favour the tendency of one of the States to consider that only a pro-Government outlook their own

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2. A.M. says that more too much slowness is shown in the question of trying to save Italian works of art which have been partly destroyed by war.

3. The Centro I.C.L.N. expressed its belief that the four party pact will not break up the unity of the parties in the anti contribution towards a greater war effort.

4. The Florence Action Party now corresponds and radical evolution.

5. Bonomi received a delegation from the "Federazione Stampa" which hopes that the Press Concentration will gradually disappear.

6. Article on the rise of the C.L.N.A.I. to which by the end of this month will have to belong all proprietors of all kinds of cars.

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2. Apropos of 'free World's' message published in Italia Libera Bebout thinks that to call Sforza the 'Symbol of the Democratic cause in all the world' is a little too emphatic. He remembers the time when Sforza resigned because he didn't share 'all the ideas' of Mussolini to whom he wished 'a long and happy life'.

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3. Statement of hopes about the situation on Spain: though Spain was not militarily occupied during the first years of the war, she was morally so. The danger of another military aggression must be definitively eliminated, if Europe's civilization is to be saved.

4. Action is being taken to rehabilitate Italian Merchant Marine.

5. Italian shows zero for a fair distribution of paper to the various newspapers.

6. New Mission of Control which discovered it would take too long to take the Christmas 'mail parcel' down from Sardinia, it has spotted some cattle near Perugia, but the Prefect issued a decree forbidding exportation.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Allied Commission and the Italian Government have come to an agreement about the plans for the rehabilitation of Italian economy.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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2. Another Appeal in favour of "pensionati".

ITALIA (Independent)

1. Article by Benito Angiolillo urging firmer attitude by Govt on Sicilian question.

2. Council meeting today to discuss Sicily and Sardinia.

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3. Resignation of Giunta Comunale of Catania.

4. Attack on Carabinieri at Torre Annunzio. Details given followed by comment. Citizens are asked not to allow themselves to be swayed by criminal elements but to remember C.C.R.R. are guardians of law and order.

5. Another article on street urchins and their way of life. No remedy suggested.

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6. Comment on total. There is much to be said for the logic of defence in asking military trial for the defendants if others are to have it. But the president of the Court must weigh this technical case against the fact that the two generals are outstanding figures and the public is watching their case with close attention. Now an easy decision for the president.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Two policies are possible today for the Italian working class. 'National unity' or 'class against class'. The aims and claims of the working class are not socialistic, they are democratic; it must therefore assume all its responsibilities in the common fight. Hence why the Communist party requires in the Government. The power must come from the people i.e. from the C.L.N. Many prefects should be replaced and in Upper Italy the elections should begin. (Valiani Spano)

2. The Belgian patriots ask to be allowed to fight against Germany.

3. Unità thinks that Polish landowners annexed Ukraine as White Russia. Russian blood must not be shed in vain. Unità is definitely for the Curzon line.

4. The activity of the cooperatives is hampered by passes, and by the transport problem.

GENERAL

1. Statement of Churchill who considers that the situation in Greece is improving.

2. The Council of Ministers will discuss the political, administrative, economic, and financial regulations concerning Sardinia and Sicily.

3. Articles about the Bad Tolz-Dachau trial.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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3. It would be interesting to know who spoke first about the "hunger march" which should have been held on the 16th; it is not likely that the poor people had fixed a date beforehand; these things

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happen impulsively, on the spur of the moment. Anyhow nothing has been obtained; the bread ration has not been increased; shops are still full of wonderful things which only rich people can buy; and the poor have to "tighten their belts".

4. Can the Govt really do nothing to protect those many people who have to be out of doors after dark ?

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Saragat states the reason for the Socialists' refusal to join the Govt, it was to throw into relief the essential point; the struggle between the old Monarchic forces and the new democracy; the Socialist party will be and should be a rallying point for all "Democratic currents determined to achieve political liberty and social justice". As for Bonomi's appeal for unity, he is talking in terms of 1917 and doesn't realise that unity is already achieved. Not the unity based on Prefects and reactionary generals, but the true unity symbolised by the Partisans and the C.L.N.

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7. Bonomi's radio speech on Sunday. Again stressed need of war effort, repeated delegation to C.L.N. of north powers sufficient to carry on war. Referred to regular Army divisions joining the struggle. On armistice terms, said the "Way of rebirth" for Italy could begin only at the end of the war.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. We entirely agree with the Govt when it announces that Italy's first duty, towards the Allies and towards herself, is to increase the war effort, writes Italia Libera; but technically the problem is more complicated; what soldier will want to obey the orders of an ex-fascist officer who suddenly, after the 25th of July, discovered he really had always had an anti-fascist soul ?

2. Ugo La Malfa disapproves of Croce's idea that after losing this war, Germany will prepare for a third one; that would mean forgetting the great power immediately east of her; but Russia and the Anglo-saxon nations have the duty of integrating Germany in the complex plan of tomorrow's Europe, therefore German democracy is not merely an interior problem, but an international one.

3. Italian Govt and Allied Commission yesterday announced that "first aid" for the reconstruction of industries will soon be planned.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. It is time the parties should agree on a common Governmental action, and that people should be informed about it. However the forces of the Government cannot agree about anything, for any action suggested by one party would meet with the opposition of the others. (R. Lucifero)

2. Are the employees who have been pensioned off going to get the indemnity for the high cost of living ? The Ministry of Commerce is examining the requests made by the C.G.I.L.

3. The distribution of paper to the newspapers is unjust; by the new measures the Government is trying to put the Democratic party at a disadvantage, by allotting more paper to the organs of the other parties.

4. 'Italia Nuova' is rather sceptical about the results that C.N.L.A.C. will obtain.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Guido Gonella discusses on Mussolini's speech to the Milanese, which is meant to convince them that the Axis has every chance to win the war. Analysis but little comment.

2. Statement of the Polish Prime Minister Arciszewski: he is preparing new proposals for the Soviet Union and other Allied Governments. His Government is making great efforts to obtain from the Allies guarantees that the Polish State will be reestablished. Only then will it be possible to begin discussions for the settlement of the frontiers.

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3. Italian Govt and Allied Commission yesterday announced that "first aid" for the reconstruction of industries will soon be planned.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. It is time the parties should agree on a common governmental action, and that people should be informed about it. However the forces of the Government cannot agree about anything, for any action suggested by one party would meet with the opposition of the others. (N. Lucifero)

2. Are the employees who have been pensioned off going to get the indemnity for the high cost of living ? The Ministry of Commerce is examining the requests made by the C.G.I.L.

3. The distribution of paper to the newspapers is unjust; by the new measures the Government is trying to put the Democratic party at a disadvantage, by allotting more paper to the organs of the other parties.

4. 'Italia Nuova' is rather sceptical about the results that U.N.R.R.A. will obtain.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Einaudi writes on "planning" which has been such a fashionable

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word recently. Actually, he says, "planning" is not new and we must guard against thinking there is a special magic in slins. The Anglo-Saxons are right in refusing, as they do instinctively, to commit themselves too far and too deeply, but in choosing instead to work out practical details as they call for solution. He adds that in the field of reconstruction "planning" will be impossible if ideological considerations are put first; let the planners think as technicians and harmony can be achieved.

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2. Statement of Stettinius on the Polish question: The Government of the United States thinks that the questions of frontiers must be put aside till the end of the hostilities. It will guarantee no special frontier whatever; it wants to create an organization for safety. The policy of the United States is to help the countries which have been liberated to repair the damage that has been done, and later create their own unity to give their inhabitants a safer and more prosperous life. This applies to Poland as well as to other nations.

3. The agreement between France and Russia deals with the continuation of war till victory, and the collaboration of the two countries after the war.

4. Bonomi's speech: Italy must increase her war effort.

5. Violent fighting between the British troops and the ELAS forces. Mr. MacMillan, the British Ambassador and the Greek Government continue their discussions.

'Times'(London) blames the action taken by the British authorities in Greece.

6. Articles on the Del Tetto-Stimelli trial.

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Daily News of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2. The crisis, solved in the Ministry, is not solved in the Country, writes Voce Repubblicana, as there are now divergencies among the parties.

3. Churchill will not recognize that this war is also a great revolution, writes Pacciardi; he always considered the present war in terms of "empire" and "zones of influence"; he never understood that the reasons why it moved so deeply the popular masses is

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which these "banalities" amount to sometimes. But Churchill will realize one day that he will be a stranger in a world, to create which, he has so largely contributed.

LOCAL PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Declaration of the Socialist Party

The Ministerial crisis threatened to annul those results which seemed to have been definitively acquired by the formation of the Govt in June: three points of agreement had then been decided: 1) Govt representing C.L.N.; 2) equilibrium of power between C.L.N. and Luogotenenza; 3) ad Constituente. The Govt should therefore have been inspired by the will of emphasizing the contribution of new energies arising from the masses, for the construction of a democratic State. But reactionary forces, sustained by the weak and ambiguous policy of Bonomi who kept his eyes on the past rather than on the future, raised their heads again. The Socialist Party, by means of a Press campaign and by its constructive criticism, tried to neutralise those horrible influences; but Bonomi, by offering his resignation to the Prince and by being reinvested by him, broke the equilibrium of power. Then British conservatism added strength to the Italian by opposing Sforza, as Socialists, being the party more coherently representative of the new democracy, had the honour of finding themselves at the centre of the political action without having the right to compromise on questions of real importance in the life of democracy itself. The existence of a great Socialist Party, which would be the centre of all working and progressive forces of the Nation, is the surest guarantee of the development of the Country towards a policy of real freedom and social justice. So, especially owing to the presence in the Govt of the communists, we shall maintain a constructive line of opposition, helping it in any question which will bring about the triumph of democracy.

2. Sicilians of America declared to be against separatism; a separated Sicily, specially the order of the day, would be an easy prey to stronger nations.

3. Strong language was used by Churchill, against Germ., against Belgian and Greek patriots, against Indians, and even against democracy, but we are accustomed to strong language, writes Zimmcee, and anyhow we know that everybody's nerves are highly strung, after so many years of war.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Italia Libera, referring to Churchill's speech, finds that to use Sforza's understandable desire to return home after twenty years exile, to induce him to a settled political action, is not very democratic behaviour; he could not, before, know the real

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Italian situation. Nor what the Nation Party mostly resents is that the Allies have linked such an eminent anti-fascist personality as Sforza's, with Badoglio: was this an act of friendship towards Badoglio, or a premidered political design? If monarchy and Badoglio and Rosetta are necessary for the future stability of this poor Italy, then why humiliate us - as Eden has done - by reproaching us with the errors we committed in the past? One policy, that is alright, but two contradictory ones, that is too much.

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1. Where there is no opposition there is no Government worthy of the name, but only dictatorship, writes Risorgimento Liberale, explaining the abstention of two out of the six parties.

2. Twenty five people wounded by the explosion of a bomb in a Naples cinema.

3. In occasion of the "Immacolata", 80,000 lire were offered the other day for refugees.

UNITA (Independent)

1. The Vatican recognises De Gaulle's Govt.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Nobody expects that the Government will perform a miracle, but the people expect that some action will be taken to solve the most important problems of the present moment, partisan formations must be acknowledged; the army must be operated. And black market fought by organizing a controlled market. The country has got to be democratized. (V.S.)

2. Memorandum of the C.G.I.L. to the Government asking an increase of the bread ration, the payment of a thirteenth month's salary; the salaries should be periodically raised to remain in proportion with the cost of living. The Government should fight the high cost of living, i.e. black market.

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Churchill tries to prove that the United States have a definite responsibility for the policy that Churchill has been defending before the House of Commons.

5. Franco hasn't resigned. Serious political crisis in Spain.

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the major responsibility for the unsatisfactory solution of the crisis. As for the Socialists they intend to continue in short opposition, never overlooking a chance of defending the interests of the working classes.

2. Freedom of the Press. For a month the Italia ("cosi detta") Nuova has been protesting that its supply of paper is inadequate. That is ever more true of us, says Avanti, and we don't have an illegal channel of supply as Italia Nuova seems to have judging by the fact that their paper is of a different quality from that officially distributed.

3. Appeal of Dec 3rd from C.L.N. of the North (as in Italia Libera for 12th Dec). No comment.

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9. Avanti's statement that Bonomi is protecting Tupini is refuted by an official communique of the Sottosegretariato per la Stampa. "Tempo di nuove" says Avanti.

10. Violent protest against the bachellors tax, the "most fascist of taxes" which the Allies, nevertheless, seem to want to enforce.

11. Representatives of C.G.I.L. and C.d.L. were not welcomed at meeting of employees of the Ente del Lavoro on Sunday morning. An absurd situation, says Avanti.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The most inefficient points of the previous Ministry given

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as one of the reasons for the new "imposte", remain unchanged. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is perhaps today the most delicate section of Italian policy; we hope that De Gasperi - whose capacities we don't doubt - will be able to destroy without loss of time, those lairs of bureaucratic nationalism - shamefully anti-national - which continue to menace the freedom and dignity of Italy.

2. Executive Committee of Action Party addresses a letter to the outgoing Ministers, explaining the constructive and calm opposition that the Action party will take towards the new Govt, for the good of the Country.

3. Patterson, American Undersecretary for War, spoke in Paris; he said that no world peace organisation will be successful unless it is backed by the military forces of the nations which form it.

4. Giac Luzzatto writes that the best way for the Govt to abolish the 10 billions yearly deficit caused by low price of bread, without increasing this price nor without issuing more currency, would be to abolish black market.

5. Thieves, quicker than the Police, raid a gambling club and disappear with the money, but most of the 40.000 lire they took, were in false thousand lire notes.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Quotes in full (under the title "Italy asks to be understood") the official communiqué of the meeting of the Council of Ministers. The armistice clauses have been more kindly interpreted since diplomatic relations have been resumed. This is largely due to the tact and spirit of understanding shown by Commodore Stone, Chief of the Allied Commission, who has brought into the negociations with Democratic Italy a spirit of sincere friendship and wise cooperation, for which we are deeply grateful and which we shall not forget".

2. Noto is rather sceptical about the results that U.N.R.R.A. will obtain. To transport something from Frascati to Castelgandolfo, application must be made in two different offices. Private initiative should be encouraged; may be the owners of vehicles speculated, but at least they brought food to the cities.

3. Comments of 'Times' on the new Government: for eighty years, Italian statesmen have been dreaming extravagant dreams. Bonomi and his colleagues should concentrate their efforts on the reconstruction of national economy and on the reorganization of national life; the institutional question still belongs to the future.

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3. Patterson, American Undersecretary for War, spoke in Paris; he said that no world peace organization will be successful unless it is backed by the military forces of the Nations which form it.

4. Nino Luzzatto writes that the best way for the Govt to abolish the 10 billions yearly deficit caused by low price of bread, without increasing this price and without issuing more currency, would be to abolish black market.

5. Thieves, quicker than the police, rifle a gambling club and disappear with the money; but most of the 40.000 lire they took, were in false thousand lire notes.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Quotes in full (under the title "Italy asks to be understood") the official communiqué of the meeting of the Council of Ministers. The armistice clauses have been more kindly interpreted since diplomatic relations have been reached. This is largely due to the tact and spirit of understanding shown by Commodore Stone, Chief of the Allied Commission, who has brought into the negociations with Democratic Italy a spirit of sincere friendship and wise cooperation, for which we are deeply grateful and which we shall not forget".

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4. The personnel of the Banco d'Italia felt it had a right to make decisions about its syndical interests without having any outsiders. The representatives of the C.G.I.L. and of the Cgdl Confederale were therefore required to leave the meeting. The notion that, under a Democratic regime, syndical liberty must be complete is obviously reactionary and neo-fascist, writes Scioni.

5. In his interview with 'Unità', Togliatti defines the program of the Government before the President and the other Vice Presidents

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said anything. He states that the forces of the C.L.N. are the only political forces in Italy. However, Bonomi has declared in a letter which was made public that he couldn't admit the principle that the C.L.N. was the only representative of the anti-fascist forces. Togliatti says that the solution of the crisis must be considered as a victory of the C.L.N. The C.L.N. intent to transform the Government into an executive committee. Bonomi, the Liberals and the Democ-Christians say the crisis has been solved in opposition to this program. The Action Party and the Socialists are of the same mind; (Nenni admits the defeat of the C.L.N. and speaks of a scission between Communists and Socialists) One is right: asks Scrutator ?

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2. There is only one real political power; that which comes from the will of the people, freely manifested within the secrecy of the ballot-box; if the Cabinet does not govern well, writes Luigi Einaudi, the legal weapon is the "voto di sfiducia" which forces the President to accept a new designation decided by parliamentary majority.

3. Three Generals sparated for having opposed no resistance to Germans, after the armistice.

4. Shortly the new so called "Spacci Popolari" will distribute, at moderate prices, non rationed food to the poorer classes.

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ITALIA (Independent)

1. Though quite realising that the whole of Italy is not liberated yet, Mario Pizzo suggests that reconstruction meanwhile begins in the South.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Definition of the 'obscure forces of the reaction': they are composed of the big landowners, the big capitalists, the big financiers, the old reactionary classes for whom personal or group interest comes before the interest of the country. (V-life Sphere)

2. Misdeeds of the Landowners. The peasants must insist on the law being enforced.

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Finanze; Gabriele Cesare lib.
Tesoro; Scoca Salvatore d.c.
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3. What a difference between the Croce who wrote marvellous pages during the last war, and the rhetorical Croce of today who condems the whole German people without even mentioning the tens of thousands German anti-nazi workers who have been shot or imprisoned by the Gestapo. (Subalpino)

4. During the night, near Cisterna, the passengers of a truck, manage to repulse, after a lively fight, a gang of bandits which had assaulted them.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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2. Brazilian Minister of Air, arriving yesterday in Rome, said: "We shall welcome all those Italians who wish to work in Brazil".

3. Why has no Sicilian been called into the Govt ? asks Vibi. Has Bonomi not understood yet that Sicily is going through the most serious period of its history, and that on Sicily depends the unity of the whole of Italy ?

4. Incredible but... true! It seems that a minimum amount of soap will soon be distributed.

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5. Doctors, Engineers and Lawyers to have double electricity ration.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Interview with Stefano Jaini, who explain the activity of the Christian Democrats who has taken refuge in Switzerland.

2. Who is speculating in wine asks Popolo? the owners of the restaurants, or the wholesale merchants ?

3. The chemists are speculating in medicines.

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2. The Government must beware of the great industrials whose representatives work for the Germans in North Italy, and who are now studying the best way to resume relations with France.

3. Another attack of Unità against the Scelba brothers. 1462

4. Unità starts an inquiry about the enterprises which are being managed by commissioners. The Government should issue a decree regularizing the functions of the Commissioners. The credits that

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these enterprises have been blocked because of the inquiries which are being made on unl wful profits.

GENERAL

1. Statements from London and Washington: The British and American Ambassadors have maintained constant contact during the Italian crisis. Both Governments have expressed their satisfaction at the representative character of the new Italian Government.

2. Churchill's statement: He approved of the Badoglio regime being left in Italy 'till the military situation had improved'. In future, the Italian people will have to make its own decision.

There has been no sign that the Dominions disapproved of the action that Great Britain has been obliged to take, stated Churchill.

3. Smuts' speech; about the situation in Greece: The British Army is an army of occupation. Its duty is to maintain order.

4. Fighting goes on in Athens. It seems that the ELAS Junta has made peace proposals asking for the cessation of hostilities, the formation of a Democratic Government, the punishment of traitors, and the epuration of all public offices.

5. Catania incidents: demonstration started because of the draft proclamation; the mob burns several buildings and the riot spread through the whole city. The troops fired; one student was killed in the attempt to storm the military District. The left newspapers are of the opinion that the troops shouldn't have fired.

6. Various articles on the Del Tetto-Pentimalli trial which began yesterday.

7. Commodore Stone becomes Rear Admiral.

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2. Nenni enthusiastically greeted by the Labour Party Congress, in London. A sense of European solidarity strengthened by so many common sacrifices, reigned among the thousand delegates representing

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all classes of workers; the aim of the meeting is to formulate the attitude of the Labour Party, in matters of Interior and Foreign Policy.

3. Pantinalli and Del Tetto trial to start this morning at 9; it will probably last about a week.

4. Forte Boccea, where "collaborazionisti" of the Royal Army are lodged, has become a very comfortable "pension de famille", where the guests can - and do - give orders to the waiters (garzon, the guards) and enjoy boating and good food, and can receive visitors whenever they like.

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5. Comment on new Ministers taking office; this will be an expensive ministry in the matter of office rent, expenditure for personnel, etc.

6. Complaint that rations have not been issued this month. Meanwhile they can be bought at 30 lire a box. Italia Nuova hints at wilful delay in distribution of ration.

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and the interests and rights of Italy for the defence of which the Western powers went to war ? What is Italy's situation with regard to the triangle ? (Luigi Gedda)

2. Statement of the Swiss Minister of Foreign Affairs: He comments on Russia's refusal to resume diplomatic relations with Switzerland. Speaking of the neutrality, Switzerland has been able to protect the interests of more than thirty nations. He expresses the wish that Italy may take the place she is entitled to among the great powers.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Benedetto Croce refers to an article by the American W. Wolfe, who says that Germany considers the present war merely as a battle which may even be lost, as long as its loss will lead to advantage in the final battle - a third world war - which Germans are preparing. After this war, Germany, being an aggregation of nearly all European machinery, will become a thoroughly industrialized country on which all the others, mainly agricultural, will depend. People's health, in occupied territories, has been undermined by hunger and starvation, the. has increased, thousands of people have been moved to climates to which they were not accustomed. To avoid this third war - the article ends - unity of all democracies is necessary; these democracies should know about the intentions of their enemy, and must not underestimate its strength. Italians must learn, Croce comments, that there are more important problems than sequestro politicos and party discussions, as those we have been through during these last weeks.

2. Four classes of Italian and French citizens are now allowed to go to America, i.e. a) diplomats; b) functionaries; c) citizens of both countries wanting to help in the war effort, or to promote future commercial relations between U.S. and their own countries, and d) husbands or wives of American citizens.

3. The embarcation service will be disciplined by the A.M.G.O.T.

4. A revolt broke out among the 240 prisoners detained in the Cyrenaic military prison; reasons not yet known.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The second Bonomi Government plan's included the inquiry about war-expenses in its program. Even the Fascist Government had deemed it necessary to recover seven funds as had been misemployed. (Giuseppe Benuzzi)

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2. 'Tempo' interviews James Cooper of the 'Daily Express': he has been shocked by the display made in some shopwindows when so many people are starving. In Italy the chief problems are now industry and transportation. (Gian Carlo Venosa)

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ambiguous position, and took up a definite one with the Republicans?

2. A resume of what America has done and is still doing, with British collaboration, for Italy, is given. Corn, wheat, sugar, milk, dried vegetables, fats, will be sent over to Italy very soon in large

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quantities. There is also the proposal of sending two plants producing 60.000 kilowats of electric energy; furthermore Italian workmen will soon go to America to be instructed in the use of "energia elettrica fluttuante". From all this it appears that U.S. and Great Britain are taking important steps towards the economical rebuilding of Italy.

MORNING PAPERS

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2. Editorial on above appeal. Writer notes that the appeal was proposed by the Liberal party. Had the Liberals in Rome followed the same line, the crisis would have been resolved in a very different manner - perhaps there would have been no crisis. Italia Libera notes with pleasure that the principles set forth in this message from the north are identical with those of the Action Party. From this point of view Bonomi's conduct has been entirely out of line.

3. Comment on new Govt. As everyone knows, one reason for the crisis was to get rid of the high Commissioner on anti-fascist

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sanctions. Scoccimarro's change of post is significant, and there are rumours that the Whole Commissariato is to be done away with. Italia Libera promises further comment when this action takes place.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The present Ministry has the same faults as the former one, which was the expression of the C.L.N. Longoni hasn't said whether the C.L.N. has disappeared or whether it is still existing, and in this case, what is its relation to the Government. - The new Ministry of Transports threatens to reproduce the former system of corruption and preference. As for the Ministry for Occupied Territories, entrusted to Scoccimarro, it is becoming a propaganda office for communism. Once Salvaggi concludes, saying that the monopoly of the six parties has become a monopoly of four parties, acting as if neither Italy nor the Italians existed.

2. Italia Nuova asks a few questions about the Treaty between France and Russia. Are we to witness again the hypocrisy of private treaties 'framed' in the spirit of the late or future League of Nations ? What will be the consequences of this Treaty in what concerns Poland? Does this Treaty prelude an action for the extension to all continental Europe ?

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2. Arrival of distinguished Italian exiles from Switzerland; Einaudi, Gallarati-Scotti, Francesco Carnelutti, Bozzi, Gasperotto,

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Calamandrei, Facchinetti, Jacini, Concetto Marchesi, and the son of Orlando.

3. Govt to be sworn in today, using oath formula of June. Undersecretaries to be officially named at first Cabinet Meeting this afternoon. The list is prepared and the delay does not mean there are party differences; it is caused by Bonomi's desire to do things in the proper constitutional way.

4. Pathetic story of illegal travel in Army areas. So many Italians are anxious to get back to their families. Allied Officials do not understand this urge; many journeys are undertaken without "permessi" in constant fear of M.Ps. At least the Allies do not kill people as the Germans would.

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3. Tempo suggests that free trade and freedom of transportation would solve the food question. Importation and circulation passes are still being sold. A very large number of vehicles might be repaired and used again by private enterprises.

Unita' (Communist)

1. Statement of Togliatti: The political life of Italy is still revolving round the axis of the C.L.N. Parties, which are the only center of the political life of the country. The parties and their leaders must realise their responsibility as only political leaders, and if they want to fulfil their task, they must maintain their unity.

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The Communist party has agreed to participate in the Government because otherwise the three left parties, or may be all the C.L.N. parties would have been excluded from the Government.

The agreement between the Communists and Socialists didn't work as it should have for reasons which have nothing whatever to do with the will of either party. It is therefore necessary to reinforce the unity of the working classes. It is also very important that the Socialists and Communists should come to an agreement with the Christian Democrats.

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GENERAL

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4 Christian Democrats: Rodino (Vice President) - De Gasperi (Foreign Affairs) - Tupini (Justice) - Bronchi (Industry).

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4 Labour Democrats: Bonini (Public Works) - Corbono (Transports) - Cavalotto (Communications) - Scialoja (Airforce).

2 Independents: Bonomi (President) - De Courten (Navy).

The names of the Undersecretaries are not yet known.

2. Comments of the Allied Press about the Treaty between France and Russia. One of the chief causes of the present war is the fact that it hadn't been possible for Paris and Moscow to come to an agreement. The present treaty marks a new phase in the system of European safety.

3. Switzerland has given a generous welcome to the Italian refugees.

4. Declaration of Sforza: he collaborated loyally with Badoglio.

5. Meeting of the Labour Party in Westminster. They will support Churchill till the day of victory; they want to build a Socialist Commonwealth.

6. The situation in Greece: British reinforcements arrive. Violent fighting goes on in Athens.

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4 Christian Democrats: Rodino (Vice President) - De Gasperi (Foreign Affairs) - Bubini (Justice) - Grenchi (Industry).

4 Communists: Togliatti (Vice President) - Scoti (Finance) - Grilla (Agriculture) - Scoccimarro (occupied Italy).

4 Labour Democrats: Bonomi (Public Works) - Cerabona (Transports) - Cevelotta (Communications) - Scialoia (Airforce).

2 Independents: Bonomi (President) - De Courten (Navy).

The names of the Undersecretaries are not yet known.

2. Comments of the Allied Press about the Treaty between France and Russia. One of the chief causes of the present war is the fact that it hadn't been possible for Paris and Moscow to come to an agreement. The present treaty means a new phase in the system of European safety.

3. Switzerland/ has given a generous welcome to the Italian refugees.

4. Declaration of Sforza: he collaborated loyally with Badoglio.

5. Meeting of the Labour Party in Westminster. They will support Churchill till the day of victory; they want to build a Socialist Commonwealth.

6. The situation in Greece. British reinforcements arrive. Violent fighting goes on in Athens.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2. The Action party has made a declaration in which, after explaining the reasons for not joining in the present Govt, it confirms that it will remain within the C.L.N. so as to provide the criticising and constructive opposition, which the Country needs.

3. Bonomi received Soleri yesterday morning, at home; later, at the Viminale, Togliatti, De Gasperi, Ruini, Cavalotto, went to see

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him, and then Alaisio. One more liberal was received in the afternoon, Croce.

4. Commodore Stone spent half an hour with Bonomi in the afternoon; and then the representatives of the four parties arrived and stayed for three hours, from 6 till 9.

5. It is rumored that the two vice-presidencies will be given to Togliatti and De Gasperi. Long and involved discussions for the assignment of the various ministries.

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2. After six months, epuration, in the provinces especially, has become the normal weapon for vengeance and blackmail. Those who are directly responsible for this state of things say that it is the fault of the 'obscure forces of the reaction'. Epuration was meant to prove to more than four millions of Fascists, the majority of whom are probably ignorant or in good faith, that they could trust the justice of the Democratic regime. The mistakes of the C.L.N. in Free Italy are responsible for a new and ferocious fascism in North Italy. (Scrutator)

3. The cakes which remained unsold on Nov. 15th were to be

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blocked by the Soprai and distributed to the children of the refugees; however, these cases seem to have disappeared. Italia Nuova suggests that the employees of the Soprai eat them.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Commenting on the problem of reconstruction, P.C. suggests that the State should help private initiative, and reorganize the fiscal system so as to be able to face the huge task of reconstruction

2. Diogene protests against the display of expensive foodstuffs or articles to be seen in some shop windows. Why excite the population the majority of which cannot afford to pay those prices?

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1. The working class had to be represented in the Government of the country. Nevertheless the Communists were willing to participate in the Government on the following conditions: The Government should have a program accepted by all the C.L.N. Parties; - some changes should be made in the structure of the new Government; these changes were meant to give more guarantees for the application

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of the common program. The Communist Party expresses the hope that the Socialists and the Action Party will remain for only a short time out of the Government.

2. The C.G.I.L. will present a memorandum to the Italian Government; this memorandum will set forth the claims of the workers and pensioned off employees.

3. Responsibility of those (newspaper or political movements) who support claims that cannot be granted, such as the 300 gr. a day bread ration.

4. The Russo-Rumanian relations have improved, states Vishinsky.

GENERAL

1. The names of the ministers of the new Government are not yet known. However, it is supposed that De Gasperi will be Minister of Foreign Affairs, while Togliatti might be put at the head of a new ministry for Relief to Repatriated Prisoners, 'Sinistrati', and Displaced Persons'. Nenni would remain Minister of the Interior. It seems that there will be no Ministers without portfolio.

2. Churchill's speech: speaking about the situation in Greece, the Premier gives a definition of democracy: all parties are necessary to form a democracy, the parties of the left or even the Communists alone are not sufficient to do so. A party which is always following the most extreme forms of revolution isn't a Democratic party. Less democratic than anyone else are the Greek 'gangsters' who are now trying to establish a totalitarian régime. The nations must be able to choose their own Government in an atmosphere of tranquillity. Democracy must be based on law.

The British Government hasn't put its veto to Sforza's nomination. It only said it didn't trust him and wouldn't in the least trust a Government of which he would be a dominant member. When Bonomi fell, a victim of the manoeuvres of Sforza, a self appointed Government headed by Bonomi took power. England is now trying to support this new Government. The 'new contorsions' of the six parties have brought about the fall of Bonomi.

3. Situation in Greece: the resistance of the royals goes on. The Government has forbidden civilians to carry arms.

4. A large number of shops and restaurants were looted during yesterday's demonstration of the Monarchist Party.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. What finally decided Communists to vote for Bonomi is not

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so much their faith in his policy, as much as the fact that they had given up all hope of persuading the C.L.N. to name another candidate, writes Nenni. The socialists refuse to join in a Govt which owes its investiture to the Prince and not to the C.L.N.; they could certainly not have accepted a vice-presidency, as they had expressed their lack of faith in a Bonomi Govt. All the same, Nenni goes on, we shall not systematically fight the new Govt, particularly if the communists join in it. We shall criticise it dispassionately; all our energies will be spent in guiding the masses and the Country towards a Govt of public wellbeing.

2. Smuts declared yesterday that after the war is over there should be no peace agreements, but armistices based on reasonable conditions, for a while. To re-establish peace in Europe, he said, the wisdom of a few men will not suffice; let us hope that the exceptionally able men who are at the head of the Allied countries will not endeavour to do too much and to settle and decide those matters which only time can settle. Europe must be saved for the sake of progress and prosperity of the whole world.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Seeing the discontent of the people and the causes of it, our party - writes Italia Libera - asked for a revision of methods and a more energetic attitude of the Govt; the answer to this was that the discontent was due to contrast among parties and to press "polemiche". It goes on accusing Bonomi of having betrayed the confidence that the C.L.N. had put in him.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The new Government will be constitutional, but we know neither

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its program, nor its composition. The only thing we know is that the official communique doesn't speak of the C.L.N. Will the C.L.N. become a State against the State after being a State in the State ? The nation wants a Government which knows how to govern.

2. Babeuf makes quotations from Lenin which are well adapted to the present time; and which he thinks might interest Unità: Till now there has been no thought of serious reforms, but no time has been lost to divide the booty, ministries, jobs, etc.

3. Valio Spano says that democracy must be built; Enzo Selvaggi that it must be built. Would it be possible for the various parties to come to an agreement ? (Lucanus)

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3. Vivid account of raid on Ter-di-Roma. R.L. seems to show some sympathy for the black market dealers.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article on anniversary of Monte Lungo, first engagement in which reformed Italian units took part.

2. Account of crisis events yesterday. Admiration for Bonomi's patience, tenacity and courage. He had received anonymous letters,

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threatening telephone calls. And the tension of the past two weeks must have been hard on a man of his years. Yet he clung to his principles, and won - by thinking of the Country first, says T. Conduct of some of the parties was less admirable, writer adds.

3. Account of raid on Tor di Nona, very unsympathetic to raiders.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. In spite of yesterday's statement, the Communist Party will participate in the Government for the following reasons: the socialists might have reconsidered their decision, for Bonomi said that the political basis of the new Government would be the program approved by all the parties of the C.L.N. - among the six parties, there would have been no majority against the candidature of Bonomi; therefore, the crisis remained unsolved; - the socialists made no objections to the participation of the communists to the Government. The Communist party, which has a vanguard position had to participate in the Government.

GENERAL

1. The Luogotenente has accepted the resignation of the former Ministry and has asked Bonomi to form the new Government. The new Ministry will be formed by representatives of the Liberal, Labour-Democrat, Christian Democrat, and Communist parties. The Action Party and the socialists have refused to participate.

2. The first supplies sent by America have arrived. They will be distributed by U.N.R.R.A.

3. More trouble in Athens; The Government and the British Commander have agreed to defend public order and the freedom of the people.

Statement of Stettinius: the Greek people must be free to choose their own Government.

4. There is no reason to believe that Tito wants to establish a Communist dictatorship in Yugoslavia. It seems that Russia agrees that Yugoslavia should attempt to constitute a Government which would conciliate Western democracy with Soviet social reforms.

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GENERAL

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2. The first supplies sent by America have arrived. They will be distributed by U.N.R.R.A.

3. More trouble in Athens; The Government and the British Commander have agreed to defend public order and the freedom of the people.

Statement of Stettinius: the Greek people must be free to choose their own Government.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2. Summary of yesterday's events. Bonomi has numerous conferences: Action party in order of the day asked parties to settle the crisis within the C.L.N. D.C. party has meeting in morning and was instrumental in arranging conference of all party leaders at six last night. Conference lasted two hours and no report of activities was divulged; it seems safe to assume position was encouraged from morning. Liberals and Labour Democrats willing to accept Bonomi, Christian Democrats hesitant, and other parties against him.

3. Account of engineers' congress at Naples. Their resolutions approved, but Avanti thinks they should draw closer to the workers and take part in meetings of the Sindacati.

4. After the Grants Commissar had cancelled licenses of notorious fascist dealers in the Veneto region, the Consiglio di Stato reinstated them. Avanti is indignant and wants to know why.

5. Article on Tor Marancia, one of the poorer suburbs of Rome. Dreadful conditions which are inevitably the source of crime.

6. More details on shabby treatment of workers in the Vatican. Profiteering by the Annona and the Francia Vaticana is shocking, according to "a group of workers".

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. The crisis is Bonomi, writes Italia Libera. Bonomi is responsible for democracy being discredited; he put himself against democracy by offering his resignation to the Luogotenente, without first consulting the representatives of the six parties; by so doing he has made of the C.L.N. a complementary organism which the Country can very well do without. Did the thought that somebody else might form the new Govt never cross Bonomi's mind ? If the crisis goes on one more day - ends It.Lib. Libera - the unity of the C.L.N. will be in danger; and if Democratic unity breaks, who will put it together again in this increasingly tragic situation ?

2. C.L.N.s of Frosinone, Arezzo, Salerno and Taranto, have voted orders of the day stating that the new Govt must be the expression of the C.L.N.; the Giunta Comunale of Florence expressed the same desire.

3. Florentine section of Christian Democracy voted a motion stating that "the fundamental orientation of the Govt must draw its power from the people and form an entirely Democratic State".

4. Eleven more Senators epurated.

5. Franzero wrote an article for the Daily Telegraph, in which he accuses the Italian people of specifically "Mussolini-n" responsibilities, as that of asking for the honour of participating

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at the bombing of London; he also accuses Italia Libera of making itself ridiculous; according to him we should all be as silent as we were under the Duce; but Pannaro, having already betrayed Mussolini, will now betray England, or at least those organs of the British Press which now lend themselves to the base defamations of a traitor.

6. The danger of speeches such as Eden's is that they may create, in public opinion and among popular masses, a sense of mistrust and hostility against Great Britain, which is one of the Nations that fought most valiantly in this war.

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3. Account of yesterday's activities as in other papers. Lussu quoted as refusing to enter Bonomi Govt and doubting that Socialists would.

4. Account of Sicilian C.D. congress at Acireale on the 25th and 26th Nov.

5. Discussion of price of bread by Luigi Corrsain. No constructive suggestion but on the question of different prices for rich and poor

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he makes the point that the line would be difficult to draw nowadays.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. President Roosevelt declared at the UNRRA Congress that food situation is very serious in Poland, where the Germans were slowly starving the population; though not so bad, the situation is bad enough also in Holland and Italy and certain parts of France, Belgium, Yugoslavia and Norway.

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2. Statement of Roosevelt: Before long, U.N.R.R.A. will extend its work to various countries.

3. In the re-establishment of the Italian free syndicates, the leading parts belong to the old workmen who took part in syndical activity before the Fascist regime and remained faithful to their anti-Fascist tendencies. In Italy, the unity of the syndical movement is based on the close collaboration of the three parties linked to the movement of the working classes. Antonini, representative of the American Syndicates, didn't like this and openly tried to undermine

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the Italian Syndical movement, pretending to fight the 'Communist danger'. The Soviet representatives proved to be real partisans of democracy.

GENERAL

1. Statement of Churchill to the House of Commons about the situation in Greece: the nation must be prevented from deciding in favour of a monarchy or a republic, a right or left government, as long as it isn't able to do so. Law and order must be respected and protected against every attempt at a Communist dictatorship.

2. Statement of Stettinius: The composition of the Italian Government is strictly Italian question, except in the case of appointments connected with important military factors. The Government of the United States never opposed Sforza's appointment.

3. The situation in Greece. Riots in Athens. Papandreu resigns.

4. Various articles on Bonomi.

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3. Why do not industries work at night when there is more electric energy available ?

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Pacciardi writes against British interference in Italian policy which, he says, has absolutely nothing to do with war. He then

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notes the difference between British and American attitude towards Italy, and ends by reproaching Bonomi for his assumption of being the only man capable, at the present moment, of forming a Ministry and of pleasing the Allies.

2. Another raid by the police on a gambling house.

POLITICAL PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Sunday's Labour Party Meeting in London will represent the first step towards rebirth of the "Socialist Workers International", writes Nenni. As the period of clandestine fighting is over it is necessary to harmonize in an international plan the various national activities. We stand up for the C.L.N.s because they are the political expression of the Italy that is fighting; so, to be anti-C.L.N. means to be reactionary and anti-democratic. Abroad they don't yet understand this, so, going to London, I shall try to make the point clear to the British working classes.

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8. Why not allow taxis to try to work as the collectte ?

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1. The crisis should have been settled yesterday. The positions of all parties concerned were clear and Bonomi should have made his decision. Responsibility for the long delay and damage to national

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dignity and the prestige of the C.L.N. (hence that of democracy) must be attributed not only to Bonomi but also in great measure to the Christian Democrat party. If this group had taken a firm stand alongside the other parties of the masses (which it also claims to be) Bonomi would have had no illusions and the crisis would have been settled by now.

2. Article on squalor of Quarticciolo, Roman suburb.

3. Reception, by Commodore Stone of delegation of UDI as already mentioned in digest of the 3rd inst, under par. 5 of Voce Repubblicana.

4. Letter from 100 teachers, asking that schools, closed by order of Minister of Public Education, be reopened.

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2. All initiatives requiring a minimum of complex machinery and expensive raw material, and employing a large number of people should be encouraged, writes Giuseppe Togni. Workmen must be admitted in the directive organs of the State.

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3. No food, no water, no transport in Priverno.

4. Some Italian civilians have no difficulties in finding gasoline to go to the Villa Giorgi races.

DISCORDIA LIBERALE (Liberal)

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2. 300 grams of bread to everybody, starting on the 15th Dec.

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4. Don Sturzo's speech: America means to bring the spirit and methods of democracy to the countries which have been laid waste by war. He ask the leaders of the six parties to maintain the coalition till the complete liberation of the country.

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8. Nenni's letter to Bonomi is interpreted as a refusal to collaborate, while Togliatti's is considered more moderate.

9. New methods to liberate Rome from criminals are being used with success, say Allied authorities; the truth unhappily even now is that it is very dangerous to go out after six in the evening. But as many provisions have really been taken let us hope we shall really see some good results.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Pensions to ex-employees of C.N.P.M. (Cassa Nazionale Previdenza Marinara) increased.

2. Price of cigarettes will be doubled within the next few days; could the public know why?

3. About thirty people arrested for the theft of 300 sheep, 150 of which were butchered here in Rome. Bravo, police!

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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the political battle which opposes anti-fascist to conservative forces.

In a P.S. he again asks Bonomi why he goes on insisting. The country will not allow him to go on demolishing C.L.N.

2. Bonomi's second letter states that he cannot charge the C.L.N. to designate a new President in his place, as Socialists seem to want, because this charge has been given to him; he furthermore says that constitutional power cannot possibly be given to C.L.N. anyhow until the institution question has been solved by the Costituente.

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2. Account of crisis developments. The action attitude is that, as in June, the Luogotenente should accept the man designated by the C.L.N. As matters stand at present we have not constitutional monarchy but absolute monarchy, since Bonomi has been chosen by the Luogotenente alone.

3. Salvaggi's speech delivered in an electric atmosphere, says I.L. "Fascara" shouted repeatedly was an effective answer to the speaker's defence of monarchy.

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4. Ten year old boy caught by S.M.S. selling cigarettes last Sunday was whipped. This is not the way to handle the present juvenile problem. These children need understanding, not whipping.

5. Students should go back to school says I.L. and their parents should see that they do.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commenting on Salvagni's speech, 'Scrutator' says that he proposes a Democratic position corresponding to the needs of the Italian nation. The Monarchy has a heavy responsibility, but in the present situation, a Republican solution would most probably take a non-Democratic form. - Since June 5, most individuals, and most parties are haunted by the fear of not seeming 'popular' enough. Scrutator adds that the adversaries of the Democratic party used very Fascist methods during Salvagni's speech at the Quirino.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Franzero comments on the arrival of Orlandini in London (Daily

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Telegraph): the Romans are too easily optimistic, they forget there is great resentment against Italy in England, in Italy the various groups and parties seem to think that the Allies have nothing to do but relieve their misery while they quarrel among themselves. In such circumstances, Carandini's task wont be easy.

2. Monforte has interviewed the women of the Garbatella: they have no intentions of making riots; their requests are very moderate. It is to be hoped that they won't be answered by promises only.

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2. Martial law in Greece; because of serious trouble in Athens, General Scobie has taken the situation in hand.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The present crisis reveals the rebirth - in Rome - of those systems, methods and policies which generated the ruin of the Nation; it is sad, writes Conti, to see all the six so called

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Democratic parties, ruining the nation. It is the duty of Republicans to affirm the necessity of resisting the offensives of Roman political intrigues.

2. The agressor of Toscanini has been arrested in Naples.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

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P.S. Why does Bonomi insist? Why does he not refuse a job which he knows he cannot hold? For the honour of democracy he should give way to the C.L.N.

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2. The wax stocks having been stolen, the production of candles has to be suspended.

3. New plan announced by the French Minister of National Economy: French economy will be divided into three groups: the first group will be directly managed by the State, the second one will be controlled by the State, and the third one will be left to private initiative.

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4. A propos of some articles in 'Avanti', 'Popolo' points out that the Vatican doesn't need the advice of the Socialist paper, and that its employees are getting the allotment for the high cost of living.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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3. Why do not the great enterprisers and the great industrials start rebuilding the houses and industrial plants which have been damaged by war. They can afford to and it would diminish the number of unemployed workers.

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1. BBC announced that a Reuter correspondent from Zurich states that Italian politicians belonging to different parties, exiled in Switzerland, have been asked by Bonomi to come to Rome.

2. Alexander visits the Italian fighting groups.

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1. The Republican party is convinced that an energetic unitarian action of anti-Fascism might have managed to a) do away with monarchy, b) to have a temporary anti-Fascist Govt for the war, and c) to have a Constituante to decide the definitive form of Govt. Today again the P.R.I. urges the necessity of a concentration of Republican forces against monarchy and reaction.

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7. Washington declared yesterday, that, except in case of important military reasons, the U.S. was going to oppose any foreign intervention in the formation of governments in liberated territories.

8. Avanti approves of the above; otherwise, it says, the Govt might as well be designated by the Allies.

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9. Zimarese waxes ironic on the fact that four kings without thrones shortly will meet in Spain: Otto of Hapsburg, The Count of Paris, The Infante Don Juan and Don Duarte Duno.

10. A strike rightly decided. "Postal-grafonici" have decided to go on strike if all or some of the 150 who belonged to the Milizia are re-employed.

11. A night patrol was attacked with hand bombs and machine guns.

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1. The Christian Democrat Party believes that the Government of the six Democratic parties can re-form on the same basis and around the same men, but should try to profit by its recent experience. The Christian Democrat Party hopes that the attempt of Bonomi will be successful. It is time for the parties to put aside party interest when it doesn't correspond to the interests of the nation.

2. Statement of Stettinius: the reestablishment of diplomatic relations with Italy is intended to facilitate the return to a state

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3. 1.000 tons of clothing have arrived in Naples, from U.S. for the P.M.S.I. More will arive soon.

4. There will be a cattle census.

5. Within the month one of Mussolini's mistresses will be tried.

6. Exemplary condemnations in judgment against Sardinian Fascist conspirators.

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1. Sandro Di Feo says liberalism is spreading throughout the world, and cites examples from America and Britain.

2. The North-American Socialist leader, Thomas, declared that "American socialism, as political power, is practically dead, and can only be strengthened by new progressive elements."

3. 1.000 tons of clothing have arrived in Naples, from U.S. for the U.N.S.I. More will arrive soon.

4. There will be a cattle census.

5. Within the month one of Mussolini's mistresses will be tried.

6. Exemplary condemnations in judgment against Sardinian fascist conspirators.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Did Eden's speech express an opinion or a veto? Are Italian statesmen to consider themselves the executors of the opinion of the Foreign Office, i.e. Italian Quislings? It is obvious that Italy cannot afford to disagree with the Foreign Office, but the world of the future will want to see collaboration among nations, not the subjugation of some of them. If the Foreign Office doesn't care about Italian public opinion, it is to be feared that this will become a system, and mean 30 years of Quisling Government for Italy. Is this possible when common Anglo-Italian interest is but one aspect of the relations between England and Europe? (Antonio Russi)

2. Commenting on the political situation in some countries, the 'Economist' (London) writes that a conflict of opinion might lead to other conflicts; it is therefore logical that the military commands should concern themselves with the situation. In the case of Belgium, the Government was said to have employed dictatorial methods, but it is obvious that in the present circumstances no government can have electoral basis. Besides if too great a number of civilians had arms, the functioning of democracy might be threatened.

3. The Allied Authorities are examining the possibility of raising the bread ration to 300 gr.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Commenting on Eden's speech, Smith says that 'the open or tenebrous activity' of the forces of the reaction weakens the war effort of the country and hinders the fight against nazism; it is not only harming the Democratic forces, but also compromising the future of Italy and its possibilities of redemption.

2. The reactionary forces are attempting to undermine the unity of the nation, but the parties of the C.L.N. have proved that they are feeling the national responsibility of their duty. The nation is asking to be governed by the C.L.N. (Maggero Grieco)

3. What are Borgurgo, Bombieri and their friends doing in the Foreign Office?

4. The problems of childhood: food, illness, shelter, clothing and medicines.

5. Bad living conditions, no transport and no schools in Maremma del Lazio, Monte Mario, Val Canuta.

GENERAL

1. Statement of Bonomi: There must have been an error of transmission in Eden's speech; 'Badoglio Ministry' should have been said instead of 'Bonomi Ministry'. Bonomi doesn't believe that Sforza should have betrayed their old friendship. (The publication of Eden's speech has confirmed this statement)

2. Statement of Sforza: We never fought against an old friend.

3. It seems that Bonomi has decided to form a new Government. The new Cabinet would be 'centre'; the Liberals, Labour Democrats, and Christian Democrats would participate. Nevertheless, the Christian Democrats haven't yet given a definitive answer. If this attempt failed, Bonomi should attempt the form a Cabinet of technicians.

4. Ministerial crisis in Greece and Rumania.

5. A Spanish Government will be appointed in Mexico and will probably proceed to Paris. Prieto, President of the Spanish Committee for Liberation said this Government would be temporary, and serve as transition between the Franco regime and a new permanent Government.

6. The Allies will tolerate no trouble in Belgium (declaration of General Erskine).

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ANTI-FASCIST PARTIES

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

1. An agreement has been stipulated on postal matters, between the Vatican City and Italy.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Federici says that to-morrow the world equilibrium will depend upon two big powers: U.S. and Russia, though he recognizes that to Great Britain goes the merit of having sustained the whole weight of Germany during the first years of the war, and having, so, saved Europe. He does not believe in a third world war, between the Soviets and England, because Russia, as everybody else, will know that America will always give her aid to Great Britain, which will have the role of eliminating friction between the two powers.

2. Bonomi has been charged by the Lieutenant General to form the new Govt.

3. Nenni was received this morning by the Prince to whom he related the situation among the parties.

4. From this morning's meeting it appears that Socialists and Communists are against Bonomi, but so is the Action Party, while the Christian Democrats, the Liberals and the Labour party, are in favour of him.

5. When came the proposal of designating Nenni as President, Socialist, Communist and Action parties were in favour; Christian Democrats, Liberals and Labour party declared they would be in favour only if Bonomi declined the office.

6. Christian Democrats declared in an order of the day that it would have been better if the parties had not tried to impose Sforza against Britain will, but had instead let him accomplish his mission in America; that it has no reason to think that Bonomi has betrayed his duty as chief of the anti-Fascist coalition; and finally noted that the main objects to be attained by the new Govt are: reconstruction of the Army, food and shelter for the people,

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OTHER [illegible] NOTING

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7. Sforza denies his resignation from post of High Commissioner.

8. A new party. A new Democratic party "has yesterday been constituted"; its aims are: freedom, justice, human fraternity, it wants to reconstruct an economic democracy, a democracy of workers, it believes that without economic peace, no lasting political peace will exist.

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DEMOCRAZIA CRISTIANA (Labour Democrat).

1. D.C. insists on a joint bound with C.L.N., therefore invites the parties to unite again.

2. Democracy has come to its first crisis, after an experimental period. The utmost faith must exist between the people and the men who lead it, and to attain it, good will is necessary on both sides. We must advise, says Carlo Sforza, the periodical conversations with the President of U.S. and with the Press, and therefore, with all his people who are thus able to follow the development of important questions. Secrecy is to be abandoned, if true democracy is to reign and popular indifference disappear.

3. Black market has been increased by the contents of 4 "carriarce" which a band of a hundred thieves opened and emptied the other night. These trucks contained food for allied forces.

UOMO REPUBBLICANO (Republican) - not available.

PARTITO D'AZIONE

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Liberals only have faith in Bonomi and Carabinieri; every time the people speak, the liberals are shocked, writes Lussu, after having accused them of being conservative and anti-socialist, this is why, he ends, we consider them, as well as second and foreign conservative influences. In a U.S., speaking of Bonomi being appointed by the Luogotenente, and Badoglio by the C.L.N., he says this fact shows that democracy is on one side and the Crown on the other. Badoglio found himself in the same situation, he understood and resigned; will Bonomi do the same? We shall know to-night.

2. This morning Bonomi begins his consultations.

3. The English L.P., Incl. M., of the Labour Party, has criticised Great Britain's veto against Morea.

4. Success of the campaign promoted by the C.G.I.L. An agreement was signed yesterday at Cerignola, between landowners and "mezzadri". By this agreement the latter will get more than the 50% they used to get. Let us of the "concordato" given.

5. The peasants laugh and still dwell in their lovely palaces, while refugees live in windowless barracks.

6. All excuses are good. Students have gone on strike to protest against the "too long" hours, 8,30 to 14,30.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) - not available.

ROMANIA PATRIA

AVANTI (Socialist)

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3. The Inglish M.P., Bevan, of the Labour Party, has criticised Great Britain's veto against Trieste.

4. Success of the Communist Congress held by the C.G.I.L. An agreement was signed yesterday at Bologna between Nuovaro and "Lazzari". By this agreement the Lazzari get more or less [illegible] they used to get. Details of the "concordato" given.

5. The germs laugh and still dwell in their lovely Italy, while refugees live in wretched [illegible].

6. All excuses the good. Students have gone on strike to protest against the "too long" hours, 8,30 to 13,30.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Nenni finds himself at the cross roads. He must either retire or work without - and therefore against - the C.L.N. the latter although five seems incredible but we shall see. At any rate Socialists, Communists and Action Party are resolved not to accept him.

2. Berlinguer explains on radio the 8 motions as laid down in article 8 of the Law against fascism.

3. Article urging abolition of entry permits for supplies and provisions. An urgent matter, says writer.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The C.L.N. having proved to be unable to lead the country, the new Government couldn't be an expression of the C.L.N. - a military Government was impossible for it would have delayed the return of the country to democracy, or worse still, opened the way to a new dictatorship. The Lieutenant General accepted the only solution left, i.e. that of a Government of national union. It now has to be seen whether Bonomi will be able to produce a program of government which really corresponds to the needs and the expectations of the people. (T.S.)

2. At a time when the country needs unity, the writers of the Action Party are exploiting their organ to promote the interests of their party; they seem to have the monopoly of patriotism and anti-fascism. (Duboef)

3. 'Italia Nuova' complains about the paper allotment: during the present crisis, some parties only make their opinions known only through the press. The unfair paper allotment interferes with the freedom of the press. 'Italia Nuova' entirely agrees with the National Federation of the German Press; further reductions in the paper allotment will mean the end of independent newspapers.

4. Ultimatum of the 'hunger movement', to this movement belong the mothers of many prisoners in Germany, war widows, unemployed and employees who have been pensioned off and find the present economic situation unbearable. They ask the Government to increase the bread ration, to give one ration of 'pasta' daily, one liter of oil a month, to lower the prices of vegetables and fruit.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Order of the day of the Christian Democrat party: the parties of the coalition agree that the new Government must be the expression of the said coalition. Bonomi himself has declared this to be an acceptable basis, the problem might have been solved if it hadn't been for the Sforza incident. 'Popolo' approves of the attitude of Sforza, and disagrees with the Socialist party which is attempting to turn the Sforza case into an internal political conspiracy against Italian democracy, a conspiracy which would be supported by Bonomi himself. The Christian Democrat party has no reason to believe that Bonomi betrayed his duty as a president, a democrat and a leader of the anti-fascist coalition, and accept to adopt a preventive veto against him. It proposes a truce between the parties. The new Government must intensify the war effort, provide food and accommodation for the population, punish fascist crimes, carry on epuration, protect

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(T.S.)

2. At a time when the country needs unity, two wings of the Action Party are exploiting their hand to promote the interests of their party; they mean to have the monopoly of patriotism or anti-fascism. (E.Bohlen)

3. 'Il Mondo' complains about the paper allotment during the present crisis, now parties can make their opinions known only through the press. The unfair paper allotment interferes with the freedom of the press. 'Il Mondo' entirely agrees with the National federation of the Press Trades. Further reductions in the paper allotment will mean the end of independent newspapers.

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2. Statement of Churchill on the 'Lend and Lease' program for 1945. In the House of Commons, Churchill suggests that if England needs new naval or aerial bases, it should take Tripoli and Benghazi, and any other port it might need.

3. Commenting on De Gaulle's visit to Moscow, 'Time' emphasizes its importance for the formation of a bi-frontal block against future German attacks.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Liberals have issued another order of the day in which they ask respect of law, co-ordination of all forces fighting for the liberation of the country, support to the C.L.N. of the north, rapid and energetic operation, a regional Consulta to ensure immediate contact between Govt and people, financial policy capable of solving the national economic problem, and reconstruction.

2. Constitution of a Committee for repairs to damaged monuments.

3. Unemployed, pensioned, widows and orphans are hungry; the Sindaco receives them with a speech, they listen to another speech from the Allies; but no one feeds them.

DEMO (Independent)

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Bonomi's re-appointment by no means corresponds to the will and expectations of the people; it aims at breaking the unity of the C.L.N. The unfolding of the crisis proved the C.L.N. to be the only political centre of national life. The parties have managed to avoid cross polemics, for which the situation gave many opportunities. The C.L.N. gave proofs of its political wisdom, unity and equilibrium. To attempt finding a solution excluding the C.L.N. would be a challenge to the will of the people.

2. The Associazione Nazionale Partigiani will only support a Government which is the expression of the C.L.N.

Identical statement made by the Tuscan Committee for Liberation and by the C.L.N. of Perugia.

3. The Gullo decree about the distribution of the products of the wine - and olive-yards is enforced.

4. France represses the 'maquis' movement.

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5. The living conditions of Roman children are terrible; they are positively starving.

6. The workmen of the S.T.T.I. are underpaid.

GENERAL

/General

1. The Lieutenant has asked Bonomi to form a new Government.

The representatives of the six parties make a last attempt at saving the C.L.N., and propose that Ruini should form a new Government, expression of the C.L.N. The Socialists, the communists, and the Action party immediately took the parts of Ruini; the Christian-democrats and the Labour democrats declared they would support him if Bonomi refused to form a Government, while the Liberals said they wouldn't support any candidature so long as Bonomi wouldn't have attempted to form a new Government.

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2. Things have quieted down in Brussels. It is said that two more Socialist ministers might be included in the Government.

3. The Polish Prime Minister Arciszevski has formed a new Cabinet. The Peasant Party is still refusing to collaborate with the Government.

4. Some German Generals have urged the General Staff to take immediate action to prove to the troops that Hitler is still alive. It seems that Himmler, Martin Bormann and Goebbels are forming a kind of triumvirate, and fighting one another to grab power.

5. Crisi in the Greek Cabinet.

6. Mr. Kirk is appointed ambassador to Italy.

6. Speech of Commodore Stone at the Meeting of the Department for Agriculture and Forests: he praises the effort of the peasants.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Non Reperibile.

POPOLO ROMANO (Independent Catholic)

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2. Giuseppe Prezzi writes on the necessity of increasing price of bread.

3. Food situation has been improved at Regina Coeli but not sufficiently; hygienic conditions are indescribable; legal procedure is too slow; these are the three main reasons of discontent among prisoners.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. It says that all parties are ready to subordinate their special interests to the continuation of war against fascism and nazism.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. We always said, writes Pacciardi, that the six party govt had - from the beginning - been tied up to two "pali di martirio": Allied "control" and monarchy. He congratulates the Action Party for having had the courage to stand up for Sforza.

2. In modern times, telegraph, telephone, means of communication are necessities. Parties, instead of losing time in useless discussions, should get busy and do something useful for the Country, for a change. (G. Pierangeli)

3. Inhabitants of Cassino have gone back to their houses which no more exist, to fathers, wives, children, who are buried under the ruins: these miserable people must be fed.

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4. I generi e trovano per le sorcherie. 10.000.000. Lire have been given to the Royal Household, meanwhile the Sindaco of Roma, Prince Doria says there are no funds at disposal to increase salaries of communal employees.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. An order of the day of the Socialist Party declared that, owing to the veto against Sforza and to the attitude of the liberals who try to bar the way to new democracy, the party refuses to give its support to Bonomi and declares itself ready to collaborate only with a Govt which can ensure a larger participation of Italian people to the war, solidarity with the United Nations, democratization, reconstruction (by using all working forces and resources of the Country) and elimination of all fascist and reactionary forces. This Govt, through the war of liberation, must guide the Nation to the Constituente.

2. Nenni begins his article by saying that the above order of the day does not intend to judge Bonomi personally, but to give a political judgement on his way of governing; the Govt, born from revolution, has been by Bonomi lowered to an ordinary parliamentary administration. He never really betrayed, but he did not understand; we are convinced that this man obeys a kind of attraction to cooperation; though his hands are clean from blood he is responsible for the new offensive of the reactionary forces; Bonomi is still at the stage of socialist monarchy; these are the reasons why we cannot follow him; we do not want to bow our head before the reactionary forces nor before a foreign veto.

3. The U.S. has not associated itself with Great Britain's veto against Sforza. This is a great success for our campaign, says Nenni.

4. At the meeting of the representatives of the six parties, yesterday, the socialists declared themselves against a new Bonomi Govt; Togliatti for the communists and Scoca for the Action party agreed; De Gasperi, Selcri, Gronchi and Ruini asked for a less rigid attitude.

5. Bonomi stated to De Gasperi, Ruini and Nenni who went to see him, that he was very much surprised by the socialist veto which was probably due to a tactical error on his part.

6. Bonomi sent Nenni a letter in which he repeated that he considered the C.L.N. "the expression of the six major political

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8. Left Christians recognise that the present crisis is due to slight democratic energy of catholic forces.

9. Russian C.P.I. accused reactionary forces - responsible for twenty years dictatorship, for war, for defeat - of giving to the crisis an intentional dictatorial solution.

10. The Quirinale seems to be the dwelling of a family which tries to be readmitted into society; audience follows audience as place is just crowded.

11. Action Party declares that Bonomi cannot interpret the policy on which the coalition of the parties is based and considers that the vote against Sforza implies a problem essential to the forming of a democratic order; Action Party will not however abandon the C.L.N.

12. The sindaco of Artena had been appointed by C.L.N., following approval of the population; but the parroco, helped by two girls well known for their hospitality to Anglo-Americans, was able to obtain the dismissal of the sindaco and to have another one appointed in his place; the new sindaco and the parroco work together, opposing the desires of the population and enjoying a special illegal allotment of food.

13. Communist owners have constituted their union, the UTS APS.

14. Another gambling house discovered.

15. Next Friday another group of the new Italian Army will pass through Rome.

16. Bread supplements should be given to pregnant women and to consumptives.

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2. Letters perigine. One writes on how Italians, in France, have collaborated in the clandestine fight against nazism, for European democracy.

3. Romans would be promised "pecorino" from Sardinia.

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12. The wind-up of Arpesani has been welcomed by C.L.N., following approval of the penal tax, but the caracco, helped by two girls well known for their hospitality to Anglo-Saxons, was able to obtain the dismissal of the cabinet and to have another one appointed in his place, the new cabinet and the caracco work together, opposing the decrees of the penal tax and enjoying a special illegal allotment of food.

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UNITA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Lackmail. Salvagni applies this term to the tactics of the C.L.N. in calling in the C.L.N. of the north to support them. His point is that C.L.N. has a raison d'être as long as the country is occupied but once liberation has come, its function has passed and it becomes - he says - a dictatorial oligarchy. The telegram from the C.L.N. of the north should not therefore be given much weight in the crisis. He ends with a P.S., professing himself shocked by Bonomi's alleged statement that the crisis is a matter of importance only to a few ministers and a score of journalists.

2. Account of yesterday's activities as in other papers, stressing the people's "disgust at political manoeuvring". I.M. quotes

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Ambas, the central commissions, [illegible] would still be short [illegible]. It [illegible] against the unity of the anti-fascist forces.

3. After an interview with the Lieutenant, Bonomi is said to have announced he would retire from political life.

4. In the General Economy, the prices are much too high. The wholesale dealers should be controlled.

5. Commenting on the Belgian crisis, Unità says that Pierlot and Spaak have the merit to give lessons in patriotism to the Belgian population. Nobody can believe in Spaak's patriotic and democratic sincerity. The English Press blames Pierlot for creating a reaction by attitude.

ROME.

1. The Lieutenant has asked Bonomi to form a new Cabinet, it is said. Summoned by the Lieutenant, Conti refused to go to the Quirinale.

Order of the day of the Rome C.L.N.: It is impossible to have a Government on other basis than those of the C.L.N. even if it has strongly anti-reactionary tendencies. The Left Christian Party is of the same opinion.

The Camera Confederale del Lavoro declares it will take no part in the struggle among the parties; it will only support a Government which will solve the concrete problems of the working class.

The Azzarian Party maintains that the C.L.N. parties are self-appointed and hopes for a Government exclusively composed of technicians.

Besides Bonomi, Ruini and De Gasperi have been suggested as possible Presidents.

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2. Statement of Stettinius: the United States have not opposed the appointment of Sforza as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

3. Sforza denies having resigned from his charge as High Commissioner for epuration.

4. Speeches of King George and Churchill for the reopening of Parliament.

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4. Beveridge, speaking yesterday at Oxford, said that the price of peace lies in the fact that every large Nation must be prepared to accept justice and to try to ensure it for the others. He said he felt sure Britain, U.S. and Russia were ready to pay such a price.

5. A meeting of the Sicilian Association held in Rome yesterday. A weekly paper will be published, "Sicilia". An order of the day

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was issued asking the central govt to arrange for the Poland's elections, to guarantee freedom of association and of Press, to ensure a greater regional justice, to fix prices of products which go to the "ammassi", and finally to carry on the inquest on the Palermo riot.

6. Is it really impossible to do away with black market?

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5. Neo Fascism. There is a lot of it around, writes C. Barbaglio, not so much as a matter of principle as because of a nostalgia for the days when the public services were efficient, prices reasonable,

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and requisitioning unheard of. Those who think this way are, of course, simply confused. They would be dangerous if a leader arose to organise their discontent. Some way must be found to keep such potential dictators from playing a part in Italian politics. Liberty does not mean the right to kill liberty.

6. Situation at the University. A propos of coming elections of Presidi and Rettori, the problems of the university are discussed. Two are very troublesome; printing of text books in sufficient number and lodging of students, specially those who come from outside Rome.

7. Purgatory of gendarmes in the Paradise of the Vatican. Avanti joyfully prints letter from "Pensionati e riformati". Vatican gendarmes complaining of their shabby treatment.

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2. The revolutionary phase which began in June may be said to have come to an end, and the country is going back to a régime of legality. Till now, the Lieutenant had to submit to the whims of 'operetta Government'; now he is again invested with all his constitutional responsibilities, and must act according to the real needs, interests, and will of the Nation. His fate and that of the monarchy depend on the wisdom of his decisions.

3. The C.L.N. is now headless and programless writes Bebeuf. Both Bonomi and Sforza have given up the chairmanship. Nenni and his party go on asking what they have been asking for months, yet their program cannot be accepted by the C.L.N. for it would then become one big Socialist party.

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1. Democratic policy must be reinforced by giving the leading posts to trustworthy men. The people need a leading class worthy of representing it, therefore, epuration cannot be delayed. Italy must start a sound foreign policy.

2. The personnel of the Opera asks that the managers should be epurated.

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3. The members of the Council of State, who should be separated, and better not support the seven Commissioners of the General Markets.

GENERAL

1. Deliberation of the 'Committee for Public Safety'. The British Government is opposed to the appointment of Sforza as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The discussion of the Committee bears on the following points:

a) acknowledgement of the C.L.N. of the North as executive organs of the Government;

b) acknowledgement of the C.L.N. in the liberated provinces as control and advisory organs for the public powers;

c) administrative elections which should take place as soon as possible;

d) formation of a national advisory assembly based on the popular indications resulting from electoral consultations.

The other points discussed were: need of a policy which will guarantee the free expression of the democratic will of the country and solve the problem of the international status of Italy.

2. The Action Party will participate in the coalition based on the C.L.N., but it will not participate in the formation of a new Government.

3. Bonomi refused to go to the Quirinale where the Lieutenant had summoned him.

4. The Labour Confederation states the country must be further democratized. The C.G.I.L. will not remain neutral in case a crisis should endanger the democratication of the country.

5. The National Association of Veterans declares the country must unite and support the Government in view of the needs of reconstruction.

6. Tierlot has been invested with extraordinary powers.

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2. The Govt's activities are calling forth a feeling of repugnance in the people. Writer hopes that soon the Italians, through their free communal and regional organizations will be in a position to reject the arrogant claims of Rome and embark on a new and flourishing career.

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3. The Luogotenente wanted to appear on the scene too, so he began the ritual consultations, following old traditions. He received the Presidents of the Camera and of the Senate, and then De Gasperi.

4. Bread must have a political price because of political price of salaries. We want the deficit of the State budget to be made up, but this must be done by extraordinary measures which will hit only a definite class of non-workers, so writes Oreste Lizzadri answering to Errezi of the Quotidiano.

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5. The New York Herald Tribune writes that the Italian, Belgian and Polish Govt crises are due to difficulties which cannot possibly be solved at this point in the war. Allied authorities having to safeguard their communication lines, are, of course, for order; but they haven't suppressed the right to express opinion, in territories not too near to the front.

6. Berlinguer says it is not true that Badoglio is going to be arrested.

7. Woodhouse, the famous English humorist, will be interned in a French concentration camp for having collaborated with Germans.

8. 90 arrested in a gambling house.

9. Doubled price of milk only gives the producers two more lire per litre. The "Centrale del latte" must be democracised and brought up to date.

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2. Switzerland's answer to Pravda: it has always avoided adopting itself politically to the nazi and fascist regime, and it is not now going to put its neutrality at the service of any foreign power.

3. The transport office should leave a minimum of liberty of initiative to the truck owners: for instance those who have been allotted gasoline for the transport of 'poor' merchandise should be free to transport 'rich' merchandise with the next allotment. The civilians too are in need of transport in town, and the old taxi drivers want to work.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The Christian Democrat party has examined the present political situation: part of the press is responsible for the mistrust of the Government; if not quickly suppressed, the tendency to violence and disregard of the law will prove fatal not only to the coalition of the anti-Fascist parties, but also to the cause of liberty and democracy. Christian Democracy declares that strong governmental action is necessary, and that all the parties must cooperate to re-establish the respect for the law and for the authority of the State.

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1. Yugoslavian claims on Italy. Moderate but firm reply of Bacciardi to alleged claims of Smodlaka, Yugoslav Foreign minister. Defence of Italian right to Trieste. P. feels it is necessary to have agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia; a settlement dictated by the great powers would be sure to leave bitterness. And he feels that if the wild nationalists of both sides are ignored, a solution can be reached. But Tito must not confuse Italy and Fascism; Italy is a victim of Fascism, even as Yugoslavia was.

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2. Prince treated coldly as troops marched through on Friday, says V.R. Soldiers did not salute and some "turned their faces away in disgust", according to writer. No monarchic insignia visible, not even the Savoia shield on the "tricolore". The troops know they are fighting for their country and not for the dynasty.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. The "Fronte Repubblicano Giovanile" asks the Allies to be allowed to fight, and invites all young men to "a solidarity, even unto death, with all those who suffer more than we do, who fight, who die".

3. Spanish republicans form a democratic alliance.

4. Commandini, in his speech, said that the crisis is not merely a Govt one, but a crisis of the nation; collaboration among parties is necessary, he concluded.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The indifference of the public is justified by the fact that it feels that whatever the President of the Council may be doing, things do not change. Other people are judging the political situation of Italy: the prisoners feel that something is wrong with the reconstruction of the country. Among the Allies and foreigners we must distinguish three categories: 1. the combatants who came to consider and become friendly when they saw Italy's efforts; 2. the people who are still under the influence of a propaganda of four years; 3. as for the political world of foreign countries (the third category) especially of the Allied countries, Italy is a force which cannot be ignored, otherwise no political equilibrium can be reached. (Pasquale Selvaggi)

2. The Minister of War praises the heroism of the patriots; they are part of the war effort of the United Nations.

3. 'Only a sham crisis could arise from a sham Ministry'; this was said after yesterday's meeting. The well known cunning of Bonomi is making all the members of the Government contradict and commit themselves.

4. The dress of the left is not only destroying the reaction but also the Italian style, writes Candido, who gives a few chosen examples of Socialist prose.

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1. Epuration and authority of C.L.N. are, according to R.L., the crucial points on which opposite conceptions have arisen. Epuration does not mean slowly demolishing the entire State organism; C.L.N. must not become a super-government.

2. New reductions in the already limited tram services because Allies have asked ATAG to reduce of 30% its consumption of electric energy.

3. C.C.R.R. discover a deposit of stolen cars and arrest two thieves.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Souvenir of Trieste. Article by Gialli commenting on the irony of the Allied attitude towards Italy during the war (Churchill blamed it on "one man alone" and Wallace, in 1940 found no Italian who supported the war) in contrast to their hesitation in recognising, now that Italy is co-belligerent, the truly democratic spirit of the people. Indeed even the Italian anxiety about the future of Trieste is confused with Fascist imperialism; actually the feeling that Trieste is Italian has its roots in that illumin ted liberalism which was the inspiration of Mazzini.

(This and article in V.R. are both based on Silvia Spriggs's report to Manchester Guardian, citing Yugoslavia's claim to Trieste).

2. Interview with Barrance of Time and Life. He speaks with admiration of Italian soldiers with whom he worked at Monte Marrone etc. He is somewhat disturbed by indifference to political and by the multiplicity of parties. But he has confidence in Italy's future and is sure she has more friends than ever in America. Thinks La Guardia is coming over. (Gian Carlo Dezza)

3. Procession of women to Campidoglio yesterday, protesting on food situation.

4. Corpse of woman found in Le Terrazze yesterday. Apparently another crime of the Laccarini.

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GENERAL

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2. General Alexander's instructions to the partisans do not mean that the fight is to stop; it means only a change in tactics.

3. The trucks for civilian transport haven't yet been given gasoline.

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6. It seems that the omnibuses will start running again; Allies will supply them with a certain quantity of petrol.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Fear of the truth. Lucifero comments on article on yesterday's Unità which urged the suppression of certain books on Russia. He reminds Avanti that censorship is not democracy.

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2. Freedom of Press. Protest for the proportionate rationing of paper. I.N. cites figures to show how unfair this system is.

3. The secret crisis. I.N. reports the most plausible rumors on the ministerial crisis said to be eminent. Stressing that these are rumors and nothing more, the writer protests against the secrecy which surrounds the political manoeuvres of the Govt.

4. Consiglio Direttivo of the Press Federation, meeting in Rome, approves resolutions for widest possible freedom of the press.

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3. Gratitude expressed for Allied help in running the camionette. Unhappily there is as yet only reduced tram service and the bus lines seem beyond hope.

4. Survey of conditions in the south, particularly Bari. It is almost as if there were a "post war" without having been through a war. High prices, relaxing of morals. Curfew for children now set at 5,30.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. For five months, everybody has been speaking vainly about reconstruction; instead of uniting to fight the Germans, the parties abuse one another. It is time to think about the Italians of the North, to find a common aim. (Renato Angiolillo)

2. Statement of Franco Franchi, head of the patriots of North Italy: the patriots will go on fighting during the winter. To lay down their arms would mean death.

3. Political conscience must take in consideration the conscience of the nation; otherwise the present politicians had better beware of the disappointment of the people. The delusion of the people is the only dangerous form of reaction. The mass, the ex-prisoners, mustn't be disappointed by 'treaty revisers' or spuration. (Ruggero Jacobbi)

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5. Enthusiastic commentary on Italian division passing through Rome yesterday.

6. Arrival of salt from Sardinia noted.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) - Not available.

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policy less understood, but this happens only because they think that we have shifted our foreign policy from the western powers towards Russia. We deny the existence of a misunderstanding between Moscow and London; only reactionary and conservative forces of England and America try to keep up this feeling of opposition against Soviets.

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3. What has the UnderSecretariat of Press and Propaganda (sic) done to see that the "work of democratic penetration" of the present Govt is known abroad ?

4. The action party declares that no party may have a monopoly or a mortgage on the working class. A radical transformation of social and economic life is needed, and this must come about through the "Commissione Interne" of factories and plants. In the new

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legislation the role of such Committees should be recognised, and its function should be such as to give the workers increasing responsibility in production. (Gentili, on radio).

5. Raw materials still blocked by the A.C. through its "Uffici d'Assegnazione". This impedes industrial rehabilitation and I.L. asks the reason for it.

6. Regina Coeli. Details on yesterday's demonstration in Regina Coeli. It was followed by a meeting of Italian and Allied authorities including Cols Poletti and Pollock; partial clearing of jail decided upon.

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2. Comments on the decisions made by the Council of Ministers about the radio and the cinema. 'Popolo' approves of the creation of a consultative commission for the radio composed of representatives of the parties and of public opinion.

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3. Disgraceful fights take place towards evening among the people who want to catch the last tram car. Would it not be possible for one car only to go on till late at night.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. No use discussing who first thought of forming a Consultative Assembly; the important thing is that this Assembly be formed, and as soon as possible. We are tired of parties which, in front of the Govt, proclaim their unity, and then throw themselves against each other in the press. (G. Cassandro)

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2. Unità gives a list of names of fascist profiteers who should be punished.

3. 'Unità' disagrees with 'Popolo' (Nov, 23rd); the Garibaldi Legion mustn't be repatriated. Unità says it is easier to provide

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these men with 5000 pairs of shoes than to repatriate them.

4. Winter will not interrupt partisan war. The partisans cannot go back to their homes and they have got to go on fighting.

5. I.R.I. is still in the hands of fascist leaders.

6. Article against Prince Torlonia. He is starting to cultivate his estate so that he won't have to give the land to his peasants.

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3. 400.000.000. to the High Commissioner of Sicily for war damages.

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4. Pandozzi has been twice arrested and twice released; as he is very well known for his fascist crimes, this procedure is rather absurd not to say worse.

More complaints about "non-epuration".

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5. Translation of an article by Ilia Ehremburg: only stones never change; you can't blame Russia for having been what she was or for having believed what she believed, as you can't blame grown-ups for having dreamed, as children, about fairies.

6. 10.000 peasants ask to be allowed to work uncultivated land; some requests have been examined but nothing has been decided yet.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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6. The problem of the refugees; some of them don't want to leave Rome and won't avail themselves of the means that have been put at their disposal. They might very well live in their own houses or flats in their native city, but they prefer to stay in Rome to carry on black market activities.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. The problem of reconstruction requires a great technical effort; unfortunately the masses are not interested in technical problems, and do not realize that only thus will they be able to solve the present difficulties. (P.d. Nervi)

2. Tragic situation of the Garibaldi Division. The men have neither clothing nor food and ask to be repatriated.

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4. Disco Rosso observes that Italians have been traditionally sceptical of their Governments. This must change if democracy is to be a success.

5. On the Camionette. Hope is expressed that service may be resumed as a result of negotiations with Allied authorities, especially Col. Poletti.

6. Petition of Giunta Comunale for some power generated by Galleto plant.

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7. Admiral Bergion will be judged by a war tribunal.

8. 3.400 tons of wine expected to arrive by 15th Dec.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Italians must do everything in their power to help the partisans. (Giacomo Arlandi)

2. Unità is not satisfied with the results of the inquiry about the Palermo incidents. Those who are really responsible must be discovered. The Sicilian population is fed up with 'reactionary brutality'. (E.F.)

3. More accusations against Carretta.

4. How is it that the police hasn't arrested Mr. Allegro for publishing a fascist pamphlet?

5. Under the present reactionary regime, created by the landowners, no law seriously threatening the interests of the usurpers could be issued. Therefore, the 'usurpers' still own thousand and thousands of acres. The Government must do something. (F.Spezzano)

GENERAL

1. The Council of Ministers has decided that the High Commissionariat of Sardinia will have greater powers; there will be a Sardinian Council for the island, and also a Sardinian Bank. The State will give 1.000.000.000. for agriculture industry. - The program for the coordination and control of the radio has been approved; the Council has also approved a decree about the revision of films.

2. Couldn't part of the electric power of the Galleto plant be allotted to the town of Rome for lighting the streets and reorganizing the tram service?

3. Stalin promises his help for the reconstruction of Warsaw and says that Poland must have Allies on the West as well as on the East.

4. There is a faint possibility for the Romans to get some oil and some 'abbacchio' (meat), but they are still supposed to manage with 50 matches a month.

5. Strike of the trucks that transported the civilians in Rome because some of the drivers have been arrested for buying gasoline in the black market. They request 30.000 liters of gasoline daily.

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3. Roman Popular University will reopen after 18 years of silence; in its inauguration speech, in 1901 it was said that the Institution had been created to represent one of the noblest forms of social cooperation, that of ideas. It managed to go on during the first years of Fascism, but in 1926 it preferred to close down rather than to become a corrupted slave. (Alpino Tenedini)

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni insists once more that the Allies recognise the C.L.N. of the north, as representative of the national democratic Govt of Rome. It may well be that Mussolini and the Germans will not heed this Fascist gution, but in this case we have plenty of fascists in our hands who will be treated as the partisans will be in the north.

2. G. Lizzadri quite realizes that with bread at the present price the Govt loses several billions per year; but it is absolutely impossible now to raise its price; so why not put a special tax on all those who realize huge illicit gains in the black market?

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2. In spite of difficulties, the Italian Airforce is making a great and successful effort. (Vittorio Corelli)

3. Dabeuf wonders why Dr. Savini Nicci should have consented to preside over the Commission for the Epuration of the P.S. and accused the President and five of his colleagues of the Council of State of fascism, when he himself wrote to Mussolini in 1942, a letter which is his own fascist autobiography.

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4. The Florentines complain of the fascist feelings and inefficiency of their Prefect.

5. Complaints of the patients of the Ramazzini hospital. The sanatorium is run by an incompetent man, who isn't even a doctor.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Particone thinks that an Italian Consulta and administrative elections would only be a reproduction of the present Govt; for them to be useful, it is necessary that work and responsibilities be devided between Govt and opposition; meanwhile we must have a Govt capable of carrying out in a certain given time a given program of moral and material reconstruction.

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2. Disco Rosso regrets that Ortona has been chosen to go to America to discuss economic problems; he then protests because the squadrista Petrucci still is at the Italian Legation at the Vatican. "We await the return of Mussolini" said a humble "trovet" of Palazzo Chigi, to somebody who asked him what was going on at the Ministero degli Esteri.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The communists and socialists have been unjustly accused of making trouble. This is only a calumny to prevent the proletarian and democrat parties from getting too strong. The reaction is trying to keep the country in a state of confusion and crisis.

2. The partisans are getting ready for winter fighting and yet most of them have neither arms, nor adequate clothing. (Patrizio)

3. The State used to give premiums to the most deserving agriculturists. Now they will have to pay it back for this money came from the working class and it was only used to increase the large estates of those who got it.

4. The chief enemies of the cooperatives for foodstuffs are A.S.A. and the Transport Office which are the insuperable obstacle between the producer and the consumer.

GENERAL

1. H. Ex. Kostylev appointed Ambassador of the Soviet Union in Rome Mr. Quaroni is appointed Italian Ambassador in Moscow.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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1. Pietro Carigliano is against worship of deceased, beings and things. The deceased, this time is Monarchy.

2. Another article on the hardships and sufferings which await the partisans during these winter months. Randolfo Pacciardi ends by asking the Allies to allow Italians to fight, so that war will not slacken.

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3. We are convinced that Italians will be able to find their road to salvation. The inhabitants of small provincial centres, are really better than they are usually considered. All parties have men who will be capable of working for the democratic republic; but we must recover from dictatorship. The people must be allowed to choose and no party should dominate arbitrarily; we must not be ashamed of our misery but we must not become beggars, so Conti ended his speech on the wireless.

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7. Although the workers' subsidy has been approved, many firms are still slow to pay. These sums should be paid immediately to avoid agitation by the workers.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. If we want to avoid those same errors which opened the way to Fascism we must organise a regime of freedom based on the working masses.

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4. Free meals will be distributed, starting next month, to 40-45 thousand elementary school children: a very praiseworthy effort, but what about getting all children off the streets?

ITALIA LIBERA (Democratic)

1. After 6 months of existence, the Government of the C.L.N. hasn't yet got a 'social grounding'. The Socialist Party pretends to descend from the Revolution, while Christian Democracy, more aristocratic, preserves to find its origins in the structure. In truth, this Government is a creation of Bonomi who can do nothing, for it is obvious that whatever action from one of the parties would necessarily be in opposition with the five programs of the others. Bonomi plays the part of the conjurer. (E. Lucifero)

2. Mingozzi-re-Apzile's separatism is violent and intransigent; its defence of the interests of the Island is discrediting the patriotism of the Sicilians. The Separatists declare they are going to fight the Italian Government, intensify their propaganda, request a plebiscite; Sicily must become a free and independent State.

3. 4000 prisoners have been repatriated during the last month.

4. An agricultural program has been elaborated by the Italians and the Allies. Fertilizers will have to be imported; and also machines and spare parts.

5. The road blocks have been suppressed but foodstuffs don't seem to materialize: without importation passes, the Transport Office doesn't give passes to the trucks.

6. A great number of the small trucks which were used for civilian transport in Town will now be used for the transport of foodstuffs. This might give good results as long as the Transport Office doesn't poke its nose in the whole business.

7. From to-day, the police of the town is under the municipality.

ITALIA (Christian Democrat)

1. The bright situation of Sardinia: for more than a year, it received nothing from the continent and now all the stores are exhausted. Sardinia is waiting for help. (Antonio Segni)

2. Good news from Eritrea: a copy of the Carroccio (October) weekly of the C.A.I.L. of Eritrea shows that life is quite normal.

3. Bureaucracy is responsible for the bad functioning of the markets. The Transport Office of the General Markets proves to be quite insufficient.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Answers United which had accused Liberals of being responsible for the present strained situation, and insists on unity among parties, at least for the sake of those who suffer in the north.

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2. News of Caracciui's arrival received with satisfaction in London.

3. There exist, at the disposal of a division command, 3.000 lire to assist several thousand men. Perhaps, if prices weren't quite so high.....

PARTITO (Independent)

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4. Another article on Caretta's cruelty, and 'cold ferocity'.

5. Unità also has Di Vittorio speech (see Avanti) and comment on Regina Coeli similar to Avanti's.

6. La Guardia's speech in various papers.

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2. Who will save Italy whose present situation seems to be one of utter stagnation? "We will", say the people; but it is the voice of buried people.

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3. International commerce will be a business between State and State, said Ronchi, and so private dealers are demoralised, our production will have to be re-organised on a policy of commercial [illegible], re-establishing private initiative will mean serving peace. (P.S.)

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2. To re-organise the Army it is first of all necessary to do away with all men and Institutions technically useless; that our Army should not exceed possibilities and that it should be organised under one Minister only. (Antonio)

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3. Italia Nuova is right in saying that abroad no difference is made between Italy and Fascism; still more reason to knock down all the Rostras and show the world that a difference does exist.

4. Carandini is leaving for London where his task will not be an easy one; we don't blame Britain for her rather anti-Italian feelings, but Fascism. The new Ambassador, having been for years in contact with antifascist clandestine movements, knows the possibilities of the New Italy, and will surely be able to "explain" them.

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3. Political intrigues are troubling the organization of the radio.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The feeling of uneasiness between the people and the Govt, whom they no longer respect because of its incapacity to solve any problems, must cease; but the foundation of a new Govt would always be based on the six parties of C.L.N. So the only solution is to return to constitutional methods and traditions.

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2. Is it still necessary to express one's feelings for one party or another by hastily written words on street walls, now that every party has its seat and its newspaper ? asks Rolandino.

3. Good news; Allied Commission begins a new stage by assuming a merrily consultative character; declaration of Commodore Stone.

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2. Perhaps if the six Italian Divisions had been allowed to fight with the Allies a much greater part of Italy would now be free. General Alexander's invitation to the patriots of the north to stop their fighting during the winter, only means that these patriots will mostly be destroyed by Nazi-Fascists. One thing at least we and the Allies can do, and that is send by air all the help we possibly can, says the L.D. party. And it asks that C.L.N. insist with the Allies so as to obtain that all groups of patriots, as the troops advance, be incorporated with the army; that prisoners be sent home to fight, or, will that can be done, that they be no longer considered as such.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. One great proof of friendship we expect from the English, writes V.R.: that they should allow us to govern ourselves.

2. A discussion between a reader who defends and approves of Ruspoli's beating of the Director of Cantachiaro, and G. Conti who, instead, says that freedom of Press means the right to inform the public about anything and everything.

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3. After giving us a brief story of the Spanish Civil War, R. Alberani ends his article by saying that very soon Spain too will have to throw away her Dictator.

4. Following Col. Poletti's and Col. Pollock's visit, the food and general conditions of Regina Coeli prisoners will be improved.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. In future, the emigrants ought to be very well trained from the technical point of view, so that they could easily adapt themselves to the constant progress of industry. It is to be hoped that they will contribute to destroy the prejudices against Italy.

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2. It has been suggested at the Rye Conference that the barriers against free trade should be broken down as soon as international and political conditions would permit it. The French delegates suggested a greater participation of the representatives of the workers in the direction of industry.

3. Thanks to its partisans, France has again taken its place among the great powers. Why is this right denied to Italy whose patriots paid for the policy of Mussolini? (Franco Marano)

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3. Another State Maggiore officer, Col. Bertolini, arrested as accomplice of Roatta.

4. Ceccarelli, who killed the Canadian soldier, confesses.

5. Another gang of false money coiners discovered by the Police.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. The problem of reconstruction has been discussed by the last Council of Ministers.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. It is sheer calumny to say that the popular masses are making trouble and being undisciplined, and that they should be condemned and fought. The reaction forces have created the legend of the danger of the Left and must be destroyed. (Velio Spano)

2. Romolo Lovera, who was a prisoner in a Kolkhos, writes in praise of Soviet Russia and the Russian people.

3. After the interview of Pinocchiaro Aprile, O.P.' says it is time for the administrative, political and constitutional reforms of the Sicilian order to materialise in an organic plan. Pinocchiaro's statements are full of contradictions: he fears the forces of the left, and tells the Government that his 'legione' will turn communist if Sicily does not become independent.

4. In Quadraro, people live in caves; there is no water, no medicines.

GENERAL

1. Statement of Stettinius: the relations between U.S. and U.S.S.R. are getting closer and closer.

2. The P.W. are now allowed to send money to their families.

3. The Council of Ministers has decided to intensify the war effort.

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1. First experiment of industrial nationalisation is being carried out at the Renault works, near Paris, the entire personnel of the works, amounting to 12,000 people, with this new order will take part in the direction, under State control; sympathisers and denigrators await with curiosity the results.

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2. Under Fascism only the State had any rights, while citizens had only duties, and the situation, as far as taxes and rates are concerned, is even worse under the present Govt. Italy and her people must be saved, even if to save them the State should perish; Why overtax Italians if the State deficit is so high that no taxation will ever put it right? No use accusing Allies; the first thing to do is to abolish all fascist laws; it is not the present day that counts, but the future of our country, says C. Zuccarini.

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6. Children don't know any more how to smile, writes U.Zatterin in a short article on all the trades children have taken up and on the fascist militarised "Balilla" and "figli della lupa".

7. Matches are scarce; there would be a solution if the Govt would only provide.

8. Epuration, at the S.R.T., is done the other way round.

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3. Fascist wireless said that all Milanese damaged by bombing will soon be paid; it may not be true, but in the south we don't even mention such things!

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Ramirez, under-secretary at the Navy, says that, naturally there must be epuration even in the Navy, but it must be remembered that out of 4500 officers, only 65 were "squadristi" or similar. He does not believe the Navy followed the Badoglio Govt out of monarchic sentiment. Asked what he thought of Sicily's separatism, he answered that it was probably due to a discontent caused by political desertion on the part of all our Governments. To put things straight Sicily must be granted political autonomy, he ended.

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5. Why is German still being taught in the schools, asks Italia Nuova?

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1. The political parties, including those which don't belong to the present coalition must wish for a strong State. It is therefore indispensable that the State should be acknowledged as the supreme expression of the Nation's historical and moral conscience. (Giuseppe Fucini)

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2. B.B.C. notes that the parties agree about the aims of the struggle, but not about the means to be employed. How to consult popular will seems to be an insoluble problem. The chief causes of the present feeling of disquiet in Rome are the interview of Mattews with the Lieutenant, and the proposals of the Tuscan Committee for Liberation.

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2. Sicilian landowners are oppressing the people; they live in comfort why the peasants are put in gaol. (M.V.)

3. Unità obviously thinks that Marchese Lucifero, like all other marchesi, must be a very stupid man, but somehow its explanations are not very clear.

4. The 'Uffici del Lavoro' are useless: in Italy, bureaucracy has never been the arbiter of a work conflict; they tend to control the syndicates and even to take their places and are therefore dangerous.

5. 'Quotidiano' speaks of the 'possibility' of an agreement with Russia. It does not realise that this agreement is a reality and has been deciding the course of the war since July 1941 (Anglo-Russian alliance).

6. The Germans must be made to pay for all the harm they have done, writes Ilya Ehrenburg.

GENERAL

1. Council of Ministers: result of the inquiry about the Palermo incidents: nobody is guilty; it is a crime of the people. The law for Sicily is soon to be enforced. The Professional Councils are to be re-established.

2. Rye conference: The representatives of the various allied and neutral countries including Italy meet to discuss the national and international economic problems of the various countries.

3. Eden declares that an agreement among the great powers does not mean a dictature of these powers, it is only a guarantee of peace.

4. Roosevelt discusses the Italian situation with Gen. O'Dwyer.

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3. It was a great mistake, writes A.P., recalling Avanti's interview with Scoccimarro, to put Administration representatives in the Epuration Committees. This complex and serious problem needs an urgent control by the Govt, if we want order and tranquillity to be present again in the delicate mechanism of the State.

4. The wireless must not become the monopoly of one party; this would represent a weapon for a future dictatorship.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Orlando sent a message through U.N.N. expressing his pleasure for Roosevelt's re-election, which shows the cohesion of all American people, regardless of parties.

2. Re American elections notes the cordiality existing between loyal fighters, and compares it with Italian impossibility of being just political competitors and still remain united for the good of the country.

3. Summarising the history of the Stato Maggiore, Vit. Mi. ends by saying that even in this field a new reform will bring a thorough

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3. It was a great mistake, writes A.P., recalling Avanti's interview with Scoccimarro, to put Administrative representatives in the Epuration Committees. This complex and serious problem needs an urgent control by the Govt, if we want order and tranquillity to be present again in the delicate mechanism of the State.

4. The wireless must not become the monopoly of one party; this would represent a weapon for a future dictatorship.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labour Democrat)

1. Orlando sent a message through U.N.R.R. expressing his pleasure for Roosevelt's re-election, which shows the cohesion of all American people, regardless of parties.

2. Re American elections notes the cordiality existing between loyal fighters, and compares it with Italian impossibility of being just political competitors and still remain united for the good of the country.

3. Summarising the history of the Stato Maggiore, Vit. Mi. ends by saying that even in this field a new reform will bring a thorough change.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Being asked why in certain towns republicans belong actively and intelligently to the local C.L.N., G. Conti answers that this can happen because, outside Rome, collaborating with C.L.N. does not mean collaborating with the Govt. and therefore with the "Luogotenente" and the monarchic forces, but it just means to help solve practical problems. Republican Party is friendly with all parties which are not too friendly with monarchy.

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2. By law all food reports must still be sent in to the Prefects. Is it right and safe? Are not the Prefects becoming small generals? asks Saba.

3. Answering a letter by land-owners saying their ground is all cultivated, though for racial reasons they have suffered damages and persecutions and lost most of their cattle, asks: why keep such large extensions of land as pasture if there is no cattle? and why leave these people, who are business men, rented such large extensions? let them stick to business and let farmers and peasants cultivate the land.

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5. There exists a commission which every week, under the presidency of the director of the ANNONA, decides the prices Romans must pay for their food. This is only a means for members of the commission to fill their pockets.

6. Against the official version of the Via Ravenna incident, Avanti points out responsibilities of the Chief of the Police and of the Questore.

7. Count Suardo, grand child of ex-president of Senate, arrested while dealing in black market.

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IT.LIA LIBERA (Action)

1. L nd reform .nd n.tion.lis.tion of trusts will bring .bout, not only : stability of life .nd security to Northern workers .nd to Southern peasants, but will m.ke their good effects felt by the whole of It.ly's people; economic unity of the country becomes one of the .spects of its political .nd social .rr.ngements, .nd must be considered .s .. n.tion.l .nd inter.tion.l interest, writes L. M lfa.

2. Omodeo, Rector of Naples University, h ving recalled the strict collaboration between the university .uthorities .nd the Allied Education Sub-Commission, h.s .ttested that the whole of Europe must see the dangers that .wait us .t the end of the war; he ended by expressing his view .g.inst nation.lism .nd in f.vour of .. European Confeder.tion.

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4. Democratization of teaching staff is necessary, and school must prepare citizens to civil and political life, writes Calogero.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. In a democratic Government, the will of the people expresses itself through the organs of the State which represent it and not by popular agitation, writes Guido Gonella.

2. The program of assistance of Christian Democracy.

3. Article of Corazzin, Commissioner of the Sepral: he defends the Sepral against the criticisms of all the people whose requests the Sepral didn't grant.

4. The first law on the reconstruction of the houses which have been damaged. The State will help the owners.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Romanmio wonders why Communist party expresses such mild ideas and views in its order of the day. Can the six anti-fascist parties, which had united to the only end of solving immediate war and reconstruction problems, live in peaceful collaboration? The State will grow stronger only when all its organs are respected.

2. Churchill's and Eden's visit to Paris and the fact that France will have a seat in the consultative European Committee, reported without comment.

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GENERAL

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2. Tupini takes the defence of the magistrates, against Scoccimarro's protests.

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