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Workers Attributed to Low Wages
and Communist Aid through Party
Cooperatives.

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1. Vatican City employees are reported either Socialist-Communist or lacking any political affiliation. Christian Democrat party workers recently sought new enrollments among Vatican workers, but were unsuccessful.
2. Christian Democratic party sources ascribe the situation to the low wages paid by the Vatican, and to aid facilities provided by Communist cooperatives for members of the Communist party. The cooperatives sell at low prices; fresh meat is 60 lire a kilo, while on the black market it sells at 180 lire a kilo.
3. Vatican workers complain that the Pope's declarations on social betterment are not put in practice in the Vatican itself. They maintain that the Pope should set the example in social reforms.

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2 December 1944

TEL : 204

SUBJECT: Letter of Partito Democratico del Lavoro,
3 November 1944.

TO : Economic Section

1. This is the letter from a political Party asking for permit to be given one of it's supporters for return home with his family. The matter is purely political and in no way connected with Labor except that the word Labor is used in the title of the Party.

2. I do not believe the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor need be consulted regarding this man's services, but would suggest that Field Security be given opportunity to comment.

JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel (MC)
Acting Director,
Labor Sub-Commission

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