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ANTI-COMMUNISTS TAKE LEAD IN ITALIAN ELECTION

Complexities of Italian Election System Explained

(By Charles Guptill)
ROME, April 19 (AP)—As results of the Italian election emerge in the next three days, there almost certainly will be no absolute winner.
That could occur only if a single ticket should win more than 50 per cent of both the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.
Victory or defeat, therefore, will depend upon the parties' relative standings in the two Houses of Parliament.
Because the system of electing Senators is complex, it may take several days before the exact composition of the Upper House is known.
The Senate is important—quite aside from its law-making function, which it shares with the Chamber of Deputies—because it must agree with the Chamber on a president. It also may join with the chamber in granting or withholding votes of confidence on which the life of a Government depends.
The president, as in many parliamentary governments, is primarily a ceremonial figure. He has one important function—he picks a leader to form a government and become premier.
It is possible, because of the complicated electoral procedure, that the Communist-dominated Popular Democratic Front may win an absolute majority in the Senate. This would enable the Communists to block the Chamber's choice of a president.
Watch the Senate returns, therefore, to see whether the Popular Front wins an absolute majority. If it does no one can predict the consequences. If it does not, you can focus on results in the Chamber of Deputies.
Result of the deputies contests should be complete by Thursday morning.
Here is where the true measure of Italy's opinion about Communism.

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Coming Events

- *Play, Tricardie Hall, Wednesday, April 22. Dance after.
- *Dance in Orway Hall, 21st. Good music.
- *Dance in Walter Connick's, Kinkora, Tuesday night, April 20th.
- *Credit Union dance in Vernon Hall Friday, April 23. Good music.
- *Unloading pressed hay at Breadalbane Monday and Tuesday, Walter G. MacKenzie.
- *Dance Flat River Hall on Wednesday, 21st. In aid of Flat River W. I.
- *Booking orders for Timothy and Clover Seeds, W. I. Bowman, Hunter River.
- *Notice: Unloading car mixed feeds today and Wednesday, G. C. Green, Emerald.
- *Legion dance Mt. Stewart Thursday night, April 22. Eastern Rhythm Boys.
- *Unloading—Monday and Tuesday, car cement; also buying potatoes and turnips every day, F. J. Noy, Hunter River.
- *Loading Hogs at Fredericton for Canada Packers every Thursday till 11 A. M. and Colville until 12. D. L. MacDowell.
- *Come one, come all to Hampshire three act comedy play "Calm Yourself" in Brookfield Hall, Tuesday, April 20th.
- *See Fredericton Players present two one-act plays and specialties in Fredericton Hall Wednesday, April 21.
- *Unloading car barley Tuesday and Wednesday this week, \$2.75 per cwt. Breding bags, Fraser and Annear Feed Service, Montague.
- *St. Thomas Aquinas Society, Rummage Sale, Market Buildings, Wednesday, 9 A. M. Donations of clothing gratefully received 114 Prince Street.
- *Kensington—Indian River Dramatic Club will present their play "Deacon Dubbs" in Kinkora Hall, Friday, April 23rd, at 8.30. Good specialties.
- *Choice quality oats on hand, regular run, re-cleaned or double re-cleaned, as you desire. Pried to sell according to grade. If interested, look orders at once.

Survey Reveals Maritimes' Prosperity Below Par

P. C. Party Expects Election This Fall, Leaders Tell Delegates

Interest Rate On Annuities Lowered

OTTAWA, April 19—Labor Minister Mitchell announced today a reduction from four to three per cent in the interest rate the Government allows on money paid by Canadians for purchase of annuities.
He tabled in the Commons two orders-in-council to put the change into effect.
He said, "the orders have changed the rate of interest to be used in computing the purchase price of annuities from four to three per cent per annum, compounded yearly. In other words, it is a reduction in the rate allowed on money paid for purchase from four to three per cent."

Fur Auction Opens

LONDON, April 19 (CP)—Furs valued at \$1,250,000 (\$5,000,000) were on sale today at the Hudson's Bay Company's spring auction opened.

Says C. N. R. Interest Charges "Too High"

OTTAWA, April 19 (CP)—R. C. Vaughan, president of the Canadian National Railways, said today the interest charges borne by the Government-owned line were "enormously too high" and forced it to operate under a considerable handicap.
His total interest payments in 1947, he told the Commons committee on railways, were \$44,000,000 or nearly three times those of the rival Canadian Pacific Railway. They accounted for 7.1 per cent of every dollar spent.
Mr. Vaughan and his top officials made their annual appearance before the committee as it began its two-sittings-a-day study of reports of the C.N.R., Canadian National Steamships and Trans-Canada Air Lines.
Transport Minister Chevrier said the freight-rates inquiry by the Board of Transport Commissioners had delayed any serious study by the Government of the question of recapitalization.
The \$20,000,000 in C.N.R. is \$4,200,000 more than the \$15,800,000 over-all deficit that Parliament is being asked to vote money to reimburse.
Mr. Vaughan reported that the 21-per-cent freight-rate increase granted by the Transport Com-

Britain Needs Less Canadian Bacon, Eggs

LONDON, April 19 (CP)—Britain's dependence on Canadian bacon and cheese has been reduced by new supplies from Europe, but officials said Canadian food still must be bought in quantity if it can be financed.
Import figures and recent agreements indicate that, even if European deliveries in 1948 are up to expectations, Canadian food still will be necessary to maintain rations at their present modest levels.
Food ministry officials said they expected that increased supplies of meat and dairy products will result from large-scale agricultural development programs in Australia and New Zealand, undertaken with United Kingdom financial backing. But it will be years before new herds in territories like Queensland, where feed will be grown on some 300,000 acres of grassland, can make their full contribution to the British market.
During the first six months of 1948, the food ministry hopes that Europe will send the United Kingdom 20 per cent of her food imports compared with 11.8 per cent in 1947. Bacon, eggs, dairy produce, grain and cereal products are wanted in quantity from European farms, now recovering from war-

Lewis Will Be Sentenced Today

WASHINGTON, April 19 (CP)—Judge T. Alan Goldsborough today convicted John L. Lewis of contempt. But Judge Goldsborough put off sentencing Lewis until 10 o'clock (E.S.T.), Tuesday morning.
His words hinted a severe punishment but he gave no definite outline of what he will do.
Judge Goldsborough—for the second time within 17 months—convicted both Lewis and his United Mine Workers (Ind.) of criminal and civil contempt of court because they didn't promptly obey a court order to cancel a so-called strike.
Lewis took the judgment in silence. He sat motionless, an apparent suggestion of a sneer on his face, as the 70-year-old Federal judge spoke.
Judge Goldsborough ruled that the coal stoppage was indeed a "strike"—despite the Union's denials—and that Lewis himself started and stopped the strike with "code" words sent to the miners.
He put forward what he called a new principle of law—that "as long as a Union is functioning as a Union, it must be held responsible for the mass actions of its members."

Reaction By Miners

PITTSBURGH, April 19 (AP)—Pitt and file soft coal miners expressed resentment today over the conviction of John L. Lewis on a contempt of court charge. Some even predicted new walk-outs.
Surprised miners in the Probitarian area declared they would "stand back" of Lewis by staying home tomorrow. "We won't take it," was their general feeling.
"Anything can happen," remarked Sam Caddy, president of United Mine Workers District 30 in Kentucky.

U. S. - Soviet Police Clash In Vienna

VIENNA, April 19 (AP)—American and Russian military police clashed today over an attempt by three Russian soldiers in civilian clothes to kidnap a stateless German woman in the American Zone in Vienna.
The Americans used force to remove the Russians from their automobile and at one time placed the deputy Russian provost marshal for Vienna under temporary arrest. The woman identified as Elsa Pfeffer, was released despite vigorous Russian objections.
American authorities said they would make "the strongest possible protest" to the Russians.

Spring Thaws Bring Floods To Prairies

WINNIPEG, April 19 (CP)—The advent of spring to the Prairies has brought floods described as of near-record proportions in some regions.
Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta report railway lines washed out, basements flooded and roads turned into quagmires.
Floods described as the worst in history are rolling over Southern Manitoba, forcing farmers to evacuate. Railway tracks and telephone lines have been washed out. Roads in all parts of the Province are heavy from the thaw and impassable in some places.
As Saskatchewan's cold spell broke over the week-end, melting snow flooded southern creeks and rivers. Several tracks were washed out in several places.

FOR BETTER BAKING
The flour that blooms in the oven
BLOSSOM FLOUR
CANADA

Income Per Person Below National Average

OTTAWA, April 19 (CP)—The Maritimes are not as prosperous as the rest of Canada, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics concludes in a new social and economic survey of that area.
The 227-page report is one of a series put out periodically on different regions of the Dominion. It is the first in 14 years dealing with the Maritimes.
That area, says the survey, has been beset by a "long history of adverse economic conditions, small-scale and near-subsistence industry, vulnerability of specialized industries (in Nova Scotia), relative lack of urbanization and of accumulated wealth."
It declares, too, that a "rough approximation" of per capita income—an index of prosperity—indicates that during the last quarter-century this has been "consistently lower" in the seaboard Provinces than in Canada's other regional economies.
In the Maritimes, the income per person ranged from around 64 to 78 per cent of the national average.

Record Number Of P.E.I. Delegates At Ottawa Party

OTTAWA, April 19 (Special)—Largest delegation from Prince Edward Island ever to attend an annual meeting of the National Progressive Conservative party assembled in the Chateau Laurier Hotel here today and its members were assigned to various special committees by Dominion headquarters.
The delegation was headed by Hon. William J.P. MacMillan, leader of the Opposition in the P.E.I. Legislature who was warmly greeted by party chieftain John Bracken at noon today. Other delegates were Senator J. A. MacDonald, W. Chester S. McLure, M.P. for Queen's, B. Roy Holman, Major T. B. Rogers, and Claude Delaney.
The women's delegation was the largest and most representative to take part in a national party meeting and consisted of Mrs. R. A. Sutherland, president of the Women's Prince Edward

Britain Increases Merchant Shipping

LONDON, April 19 (Reuters)—Alfred Barnes, British Minister of Transport, said today that in less than three years 3,000,000 tons had been added to British merchant shipping. The Red Ensign of Britain now flies over one-quarter of the world's active tonnage. Barnes said Britain's aim is to regain at least her pre-war strength of one-third of the world's tonnage.
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Deliberation On Palestine Postponed

NEW YORK, April 19 (CP)—The United Nations General Assembly today postponed deliberation on the Palestine problem.
After admitting Burma as its 58th member, the Special Assembly referred the agenda item of "Further consideration of the question of the future government of Palestine" to its 58-member political committee which meets Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.

Commons Takes Steps To Broaden Scope Of Vocational Training

OTTAWA, April 19 (CP)—The Commons today took a step toward broadening the scope of vocational training.
Labor Minister Mitchell introduced legislation which he said rounds out a program aimed at meeting any future full-scale job shortage.
The bill, given first reading, amends the vocational training coordination act of 1943 by extending training to:
1. Persons who have exhausted unemployment insurance benefits.
2. Persons who have not been working at jobs covered by insurance regulations.
"Up to the present," said Mr. Mitchell, "it has not been necessary to make very much use of the provision for training of unemployed persons because, outside of seasonal and temporary layoffs, there has been very little unemployment in Canada since the termination of war in 1945."
"However, it is desirable to make provision for such training so that it may be provided when required."
Members who spoke on the job-training measure: M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader; Clarie Gillis (CCF—Cape Breton South); John R. MacNicol (PC—Toronto Davenport); F. S. Zaplinton (CCF—Dauphin); Farfield Case (PC—Grey North); G. D. Shaw (SC—Red Deer); John Probe (CCF—Regina City); C. E. Stephenson (PC—Durham) and Mrs. Gladys Strum (SC—Qu'Appelle).
Mr. Mitchell, replying to suggestions that the Dominion expand educational facilities, said it should not be forgotten that the Provinces are jealous of their rights. As for Federal financial assistance, none of the Provinces had "gone broke" yet.
He had never seen a man destitute who could "use a hammer, a saw and a file." That type of man always could find work.
Although he approved of financial assistance to veterans who wanted to improve their education, those who emerged as the better

Dust Explosion In French Mine

LILLE, France, April 20 (Tuesday) (AP)—A coal dust explosion ripped through a coal mine in Sallaumines, 15 miles from here, last night. Police officials said 11 miners were killed; the company said five.
Twenty-one miners are missing. At least 40 were injured in the blast which sealed off the entrance to the mine. About 300 miners were brought out alive through a connecting shaft.
For a time, some 40 miners were trapped in one gallery of the pit. They later were rescued. The explosion occurred about 6 P.M.

General Chiang Is China's New President

NANKING, April 19 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek today was elected China's first constitutional president with virtually dictatorial powers.
He had asked instead to be named premier—but with just such all-out powers.
ABANDON AIR SERVICE
DUBLIN, April 19 (AP)—The Eire Government announced tonight it has definitely abandoned plans for an Irish-American air service because of expense.
St. Patrick's Day by Irish Airways Ltd., which was set up by the Government of former Premier de Valera.

British Skipper Wins Race Into Montreal

MONTREAL, April 19 (CP)—High on the bridge of the Manchester Shipper, Capt. James Barclay anxiously scanned the unoccupied docks in Montreal harbor today and then smiled happily.
After 36 years of bringing ships into the port he finally was first to open a new navigation season. He will be presented with the traditional gold-headed cane at a special ceremony later.
Back in 1860 Capt. Barclay was beaten out by 20 minutes. Last year by 15 minutes. For that dubious honor last year he was awarded a black-headed cane.
"The first thing I am going to do is to turn that cane back to whoever gave it to me," he said. "Now they'll have to take back all those things they pinned on us for always being second."
The Manchester Shipper, her hull rusted and streaked from several bouts with ice, heavy seas and back-docked at shed 18 to the accompaniment of blasts from lake and river ships in port.
Far behind, and not expected until tomorrow, was the Italian

Leftists Trail In Cities In "Red North"

By FRANK O'BRIEN
ROME, April 19 (AP)—Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democrats and their political allies rolled up a commanding early lead tonight over the Communist-dominated Popular Front.
Government leaders discussed a purported Communist plan for an uprising. The Communists denied existence of such a plan.
Incomplete unofficial returns from Italy's crucial parliamentary election yesterday and today showed the Leftists were trailing on their home grounds—four large industrial cities in the "red north." The returns were for Senate seats.
In Milan, Florence, Turin and Bologna the Vatican-backed Christian Democrats had a lead of almost 30 per cent over the Popular Front. In rural northern areas de Gasperi's party was doing even better. It also was ahead in Rome.
De Gasperi's Government marshalled 330,000 troops and police for the election. D. Paolo Canali, the Premier's secretary, pointed out that these security forces are on the alert throughout the country and said he could not see how a Communist uprising could succeed.
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The first returns were in the senatorial races. The count for the Chamber of Deputies is not expected to begin coming in before late tonight or tomorrow. The contests for the 574 Chamber of Deputies seats will give the clear indication of Communist-anti-Communist strength.
Because of the complicated voting system used the exact distribution of the Senate's 237 seats

Unofficial Returns From Italy

(AP)—Unofficial returns from more than a fourth of Italy's 41,647 electoral sections gave the Christian Democrats an advantage of more than 1,000,000 votes over the Communists today in senatorial contests.
In 10,992 sections—including many in the so-called "Red North"—the Christian Democrats had 3,037,759 votes to 1,931,074 for the Communist-dominated Popular Front.
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HALIFAX, April 19 (CP)—Weather synopsis and official inland forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office tonight.
Synopsis: There were patches of cloud over the Maritimes Monday but there was also considerable sunshine. Temperatures rose to the 50s in central parts of the district but along the coast and in the north temperatures were in the 40s. A disturbance moving northeastward from the Great Lakes will cause southerly winds over the Maritimes. Fog is likely to form over the Atlantic and Bay of Fundy and drift into the coastal regions. Showers are occurring in Quebec and New England ahead of the disturbance and can be expected to spread into the Maritimes Tuesday.
Forecasts, valid until Tuesday midnight:
Prince Edward Island—Cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Scattered showers Tuesday. Much the same temperatures. South winds 15. Low early Tuesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 30 and 45.
High tide this morning at 8:20 and tonight at 8:14.
Sun sets this evening at 6:51 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:07.
Full moon April 23rd, 9:28 A. M. Summerside tide eight minutes later than Charlottetown.