

Italy Vote Analyzed As Democrats Win

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Rome (NC)—Rome has been saved, by a substantial margin, from the embarrassment of a leftist victory in the municipal elections. Throughout the rest of the country, the outcome of the ballot was about as expected.

The city administrations of Naples, Bari and Foggia have been captured by the rightist bloc, consisting of the monarchists and the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI). However, political observers point out one significant fact regarding the rightist successes in these and other places: The leading party has been the monarchists, not the neo-fascists.

THIS MEANS, according to these interpretations, that southern Italy, which is traditionally strongly monarchist, has retained its views and has not gone over wholesale to the neo-fascist movement.

This factor is held important in this respect: There is still a possibility for political education of the voters in southern Italy in the direction of genuine democracy. They can be helped to see the light as the long-range plans for social and economic improvement in these poverty-stricken areas are beginning to take effect.

In the Rome municipal elections, the Christian Democrats obtained 285,306 votes; that is 82,000 more than in the municipal elections of 1947.

THE CENTER parties, which included the Christian Democrats, obtained 384,020 votes in Rome, against 314,000 for the communist-socialist bloc, and 208,000 for the neo-fascist-monarchist combination. The majority of the center block over the leftist is about twice as high as predicted in the election forecasts.

According to the latest analysis of the election returns, more than 7,300,000 votes were cast in the regional elections. Of this total, the center bloc, consisting of Christian Democrats, right-wing Socialists, Republicans and Lib-



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erals, obtained about 40 per cent; the communist-socialist group more than 33 per cent, and the rest went to the rightists and independent candidates.

(According to another analysis, the rightist parties were the largest gainers in the regional elections, increasing their percentage from 12 per cent in 1948 to 29 per cent this year.)

AS A RESULT of the elections, the Christian Democrats will have 39 of the 80 seats in the Rome municipal council. The other seats are distributed as follows: Communist-socialists, 16; MSI (neo-fascists) 8; Social Democrats 4; Republicans 3; Monarchists, 3; Liberals, 6; and Independents 1. The center bloc has a total of 52 seats.

However, in the Rome provincial council, the leftists won 22 seats, the center coalition 18, and the rightists 6.

Jesuit Briefs Police, Troopers On Red Tactics

Cleveland (NC)—A Jesuit priest is giving an 11-week course on communist tactics for Ohio State Troopers and members of the Cleveland Police.

The Rev. William A. Nolan, S.J., Saint Louis University instructor in sociology and an expert on communism, teaches the course. It is open to the general public. Sessions are at John Carroll University here.

"THE ORDINARY policeman does not recognize communist tactics when he happens to meet them," Father Nolan declared. The Rev. Richard T. Deters, S.J., director of John Carroll's evening division, quoted the head of the police subversive activities unit here as saying too few men in the field are able to spot Red tactics.

"Our aim is to acquaint the men with the general tactics used by communists around the country so they may spot them here," Father Deters said. "The enrolled police have just completed a course in general sociology to give them an adequate background for this study."

90 YEARS, STILL WORKING



Miss Julie Doyle (above), of Cleveland, who will be 90 on June 19, is against this business of retiring at 65. She is shown here with Sister Naomi, working for the Ladies Aid Society of Immaculate Conception parish, mending priests' vestments. She has been using her needle to give that "stitch in time" for the past 17 years. (NC Photos).

Shrine Honors Saint Foe Of Birth Control

Cleveland, Ohio (NC)—A shrine dedicated to St. Gerard Majella, the foe of "Planned Parenthooders," was dedicated here in the new St. Ann Hospital, for many years the only strictly maternity hospital in the Cleveland Diocese.

The Rev. Martin Crowe, C.Ss.R., director of the St. Gerard Majella Guild of New York in blessing the imported marble statue of the Saint said that "Gerard lived a truly miraculous life." He died at the age of 29 in 1775.

"HE WAS NOT canonized until 1904," Father Crowe continued, but "we believe it is significant that his canonization was delayed until this 20th century. He is indeed the 20th-century foe of the Planned Parenthooders. The 20th century has witnessed the disregard for the sanctity of marriage and the disregard for the rights of the unborn child.

"Gerard is truly the mother's saint and a friend of children." Members of the Gerard Guild, he said, pray a Hail Mary daily for those who are guilty of the sin of birth control.

ST. GERARD, he said, has spelled the difference between despair and peace of mind and soul to innumerable mothers. Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine own and operate St. Ann Hospital.

Cardinal Visits St. Patrick Isle --Not Ireland!

Cannes, France (NC)—His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, paid a special visit to the nearby island of St. Honorat. He dedicated a plaque commemorating the years of study there by St. Patrick before undertaking his historic labors in Ireland. The Cardinal's cathedral is one of the largest in the world dedicated to St. Patrick.

The island is a mile off Cannes, where the liner Constitution, which brought Cardinal Spellman and a group of U. S. pilgrims to the 35th International Eucharistic Congress at Barcelona, Spain, anchored.

Law Closing Stores On Holydays Eyed

Montreal (RNS)—Judge A. I. Smith reserved judgment in Superior Court on a suit brought by seven large department stores to set aside provincial and municipal statutes requiring Montreal stores to close on religious holy days.

W. B. Scott, attorney for the stores, cited British laws going back to the time of Henry VI in an attempt to show that only the federal government can pass legislation governing the observance of feast days. Mr. Scott contended that throughout British history laws regarding the observance of feast days have always been connected with the observance of Sunday. He said that they were always enacted by federal parliament and were treated as criminal, not civil, legislation.

THE SPECIFIC law under contention is a by-law passed by the Montreal City Council requiring stores to close on seven Roman Catholic holy days. Stores here have twice defied the by-law by remaining open on Immaculate Conception Day, Dec. 8, and Ascension Day, May 22. Charges have been made against them and cases are pending in Recorder's Court.

L. E. Beaulieu, representing attorney general of Quebec Province, maintained that the city by-law had no religious implications such as would bring it under the legislative powers of the Canadian Parliament.

He said it was designed to provide more free time for workers in line with an established trend in this direction in recent years.

THE LAW ONLY extended the latitude of an earlier statute, he contended, which governed closing hours of stores by adding a number of holidays on which they have to keep their doors shut.

Paul Champagne, attorney for the city, argued that if the province had the right to declare holidays, it had the right to vote legislation to allow municipalities to say how these holidays should be observed.

"The big majority with which the by-law was passed in the city council shows that a majority of the citizens of the city are in favor of it," he said.

(The City Council passed the by-law by a one-vote margin over the two-thirds required majority.)

Jews Win Fight To Close Stores

Aberdeen, S. D.—(RNS)—A Jewish congregation has won a seven-month battle to keep retail stores here closed Friday night, the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath.

The retail division of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce voted to keep the stores open Monday night instead.

When chain stores last fall decided to stay open Friday night, Dr. Selig Auerbach, rabbi of Congregation Ebnai Issac asked the local Jewish merchants to persuade all retail stores to keep their establishments closed.

Keeping stores open Friday night meant considerable hardship for Jewish merchants desiring to attend Sabbath eve services, it was pointed out.

After lengthy negotiations, the Monday night compromise was reached.

Happy Marriage Rules Published

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—An attractive placard of the "Ten Commandments for a Happy Marriage," by the Rev. John A. O'Brien, of the University of Notre Dame, has been published by St. Anthony's Guild, of Paterson, N. J.

The commandments were carried in an N.C.W.C. News Service release and appeared in practically every Catholic paper in the United States. St. Anthony's Guild undertook the printing after many requests for copies of the commandments suitable for framing. The placards are available on placards, in glass frames or unframed; in addition, the commandments are in leaflet form suitable for distribution in parishes.

Woman Persuades Communist To Help Make Corpus Christi Rites Successful

This story was originally told in La Croix, Paris Catholic daily. The narrator was a priest writer who uses the pen name of Pierre L'Ermite. (N.C.W.C. News Service)

Paris (NC)—A street altar for the Corpus Christi procession, set up at the front gate of the toughest communist in the city.

The makeshift altar wedged so it would stay even — with copies of L'Humanite, France's counterpart to the communist Daily Worker. . . . This is a story of Corpus Christi in a city of Northern France.

It began when a tired old pastor noted to the ladies of his parish that he would have to walk a mile without a break from the first to the second street altars in the Corpus Christi procession. He cope was heavy, and the ostensorium bearing the Blessed Sacrament even heavier. . . .

IN SHORT, he said, they would have to provide a third altar in between, right at the bend of the main street. At that spot there was a cottage, with an iron gate.

"Yes, but do you know who lives there?" interrupted one lady.

Yes, the priest knew. A foreman at the sheet metal works. A real "dur," or tough baby. A hundred per cent communist. But did that mean they must give up the idea? The priest looked at the ladies. There was a silence.

"Let me try," a hotel manager finally said. "He can't swallow me alive!"

THAT EVENING she met the foreman at his gate as he was returning home. When she spoke, the Red nearly choked. He knew her all right, but not socially—she was too bourgeois. Quickly the good woman explained her mission. She agreed with the foreman that after all,

he was not exactly pro-religion. "But you're a good fellow just the same," she said. "This is a question of humanitarianism. Our pastor is old . . . tired. It would be so good on your part to let him have a breather, so he wouldn't have to return to the cold church dripping wet with perspiration."

The foreman looked at the woman. The woman looked at him. He hesitated.

"WHAT ABOUT my buddies," he protested. "Think of what they'll say!"

Finally he agreed. The next morning some Boy Scouts came with materials to build the altar. The communist foreman had a day off, and he wandered over to see how the job was going.

"Can you loan us a saw?" asked one of the Scouts. "And some heavier nails?" The foreman's wife came, she commented on how few flowers there were for the altar.

A scout caught that ball on the bounce.

"IT WOULD be swell if you could give us some from your yard," he suggested. "Some white ones."

When the foreman returned with the saw, he looked the altar over and noted that it was askew. He went back into the house for some copies of L'Humanite from his treasured files. Wedged under one side of the altar, they made it level.

"That does it," he said with a satisfied air. . . .

ON THE FEAST of Corpus Christi the procession halted before the beautiful, flower-laden altar. The pastor had his breath.

When the old priest, deeply moved, finally raised the ostensorium once again above the piously gathered crowd, the communist was standing by his gate. No one saw him get on his knees. But everybody saw him take off his cap.

Named Acting Head Washington (NC)—Msgr. Edward G. Roelker of the faculty of the Catholic University of America has been appointed acting dean of the school of canon law.



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