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Dollars and Vatican Win for De Gasperi

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ROME, April 20 (By Cable).—The Christian Democrat party emerged today as the largest party, after an election in which there was an unprecedented concentration of outside and domestic reaction against the Popular Front. The De Gasperi party is today the largest party for the following reasons:

It has absorbed most of the other right wing and fascist groups.

It gained most of the new voters, and it profited by the split in the left forces worked out by the Saragat Socialists, who will get more than two million votes.

Communist leaders are expected to appraise the elections tomorrow.

LATEST FIGURES

The latest figures of L'Unita on the Senate as of 7 p.m. are:

Out of 12,197,275 votes counted, the People's Front has 4,487,177, the Christian Democrats 5,610,945, the National bloc 596,689, the Republicans and Saragat 1,168,717 and others 333,929.

For the Chamber of Deputies:

Out of 5,387,261 votes counted, the People's Front has 2,226,013, the Christian Democrats 2,279,480, the National bloc, 113,553, Republicans 133,799, Saragat, 397,344, others 237,092.

These figures give the People's Front 36 percent of the Senate vote and the Christian Democrats 46 percent, and each of them 41 percent of the Chamber vote.

Expectations, that the Senate would be more left-wing were not borne out, possibly because only those over 25 were eligible to vote, while all over 21 may vote for Chamber candidates.

In the vote for the Chamber both parties are exceeding their 1946 votes and percentages. The Senate did not exist in 1946.

The manner of maintaining the 1946 strength despite the split away of the Saragat Socialists, who are getting 7 percent of the vote, despite the vast finances, goods, arms and propaganda poured into Italy by the United States, despite the political concentration of the Vatican and the Catholic church, despite the ter-

Italy Popular Front Maintains Strength

Rome, April 20 (UP).—The Left maintained almost all its 1946 voting strength and position in Parliament, despite the gains of De Gasperi's Catholic Christian Democrats. The gains were mostly at the expense of the Rightist parties.

The significant percentages were: Christian Democrats 47.9 per cent of the Senate vote and 48.5 per cent of the Assembly vote, based on returns from three-fourths of all precincts, compared to 35.2 per cent of the total vote in 1946—a net gain of 13 per cent.

Popular Front 30.5 per cent of the Senate vote and 32.4 percent of the Assembly vote from the same three-fourths of all precincts, compared to about 31 per cent of the total vote in 1946.

The Rightist vote of 69.5 per cent for the Senate and 67.15 per cent for the Assembly represent a total of all anti-Popular Front parties that figured in the election.

ror and fraud of the De Gasperi government, is highly significant and represents a great victory for the progressive forces.

EIGHT TO FIVE

The way the government is releasing the election results is fantastic, unprecedented and extremely suspicious. The first government report on the Senate presented the relationship of the Christian Democrat vote to the People's Front as two and one-half to one, the second report, two to one, the third report, eight to five, which most closely resembles reality.

This crooked method was obviously planned beforehand to prepare

world public opinion through the capitalist press for government falsification of the election results, and to demoralize and provoke front supporters into premature strikes and revolutionary acts.

The atmosphere is tense and the People's Front forces are alert for any eventuality. Whatever the next days may bring, it is clear that the front vote represents everything healthy, living and productive, because it is based on the workers and the poor farmers, while the Christian Democrat vote reflects everything rotten, decaying and non-productive—the idle rich, the big landlords, the priests, nuns and monks, and the deceived and intimidated backward masses.

This election campaign was important as a stage in the struggle between the old and new. The fight will continue in the new Parliament, where the People's Front will be a decisive force, and on every other level, economic, political and otherwise, until the final victory of the Italian people over feudal reaction and resurgent fascism.

Armour Picket Slain by Scab Meat Truck

BULLETIN

CHICAGO, April 20. — Santo Cicardo, the Armour & Co. striker, run down by a scab truck speeding through the picket line with police aid, died tonight at 6 p.m. The CIO Packinghouse Union is now meet-