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departs at 2000 gmt)

night lead gronchi

by robert e. jackson

united press staff correspondent

rome, feb. 26 ---(up) --- italian president giovanni gronchi leaves
tonight for washington for top-level talks on western foreign policy
and the future course of the atlantic alliance.

the 68-year old president, the most influential leader on the
italian political scene today, departs at 2100 (2000 gmt) on an
italian airlines (lai) plane for an 18-day tour of the united
states and canada.

his wife, donna carla gronchi, 25 years his junior, and foreign
minister gaetano martino will accompany the president on this first
visit of an italian head of state to north america.

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add night lead gronchi rome x x x america.

both italian and american officials attach supreme importance to
the talks gronchi will have with president eisenhower, vice president
richard nixon, secretary of state john foster dulles and
congressional, military, labor and national and state political
leaders.

the recent soviet communist party congress in moscow, with its
new threats to turn the world communist, provided a special back-
drop for the conferences. martino said last night:

+ the trip comes at an especially interesting moment in inter-
national affairs. the soviet communist party congress has underlined
the necessity for the west to reinforce its unity.+

more (rej)

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ro 19 rush

third night lead gronchi rome x x x unity.+

gronchi and his party will arrive at washington national airport
at noon (1700 gmt) monday. he will drive in triumph through the
capital and swing immediately into a round of conferences receptions,
dinners and speeches.

on wednesday he will address a joint session of u.s. congress.
sources close to the president said he would reaffirm italy's
loyalty to the atlantic and european communities and its
determination to remain democratic.

the five-day official visit also includes a journey to nato
atlantic fleet headquarters at norfolk, va., and colonial
williamsburg, va., before the italian president goes to canada on
a two-day official visit.

more (rej)

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ro 20 fourth night lead gronchi rome x x x visit.

then, gronchi who visited the u.s. as a private citizen in 1935 and 1940, will +see america+ for the first time in 16 years.

before he departs on march 14, he will have been cheered by many of the nation's 4,595,000 (m) first generation italians and thousands of others in visits to detroit, san francisco and newyork city.

he will confer with dag hammaraskjold, secretary-general of the united nations.

gronchi ,a left-of-center christian democrat ,is prepared to tell american leaders that he thinks:

italy should have a greater voice in western policymaking in european and middle eastern affairs.

italy has passed from the urgent period of postwar recovery but still needs outside aid and wants american investments.

more (rej)

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ro 21 rush

fifth night lead gronchi rome x x x investments.

the atlantic alliance should become as much a political and economic union as a military one. the +big powers+ should pay more heed to the views of their smaller partners, and assume more responsibility in schemes for unity.

the west must come up with a foreign policy designed to meet the shift in soviet cold war strategy. gronchi himself is ready to compromise on the german question, but in public he will not rpt not be able to veer from the official italian government line which supports the u.s.

gronchi is especially anxious to iron out italian-american differences on such questions as +neutralism, and +shift to the left+ in italy.

more (rej)

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ro 22 rush

sixth night lead gronchi rome x x x italy.

gronchi denies that he is +neutralist,+ as the americans use the term. but he does want a shift to the left in italy. he insists, however, that this can be achieved without bringing pro-communists into the government.

he is convinced that vigorous social and economic reforms would woo many workers toward the christian democratic party he helped found.

there are many american and italian government officials who think this is playing with fire.

(rej)

mm/1340

ro 41 bulletin

first night lead gronchi (jackson)

rome, feb. 26.--(up) -- italian president giovanni gronchi left on a mission to america tonight with a call to extend the military teamwork of the atlantic pact to the economic and political fields

more (rej-cwr)

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add first night lead gronchi rome x x x fields.

the 68-year old president, the first italian head of state to visit north america, left at 2116 (2016 gmt) on board of an italian airlines (lai) plane on an 18-day tour of the united states and canada.

more (rej)

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ro 43 urgent

third first night lead gronchi rome x x x canada.

he was accompanied by 13 persons, including his wife, donna carla gronchi, first lady of the italian republic, and italian foreign minister gaetano martino.

gronchi will start top-level talks with president eisenhower and other american leaders tomorrow on military, political and economic problems facing the western world.

gronchi believes that nato should become a political and economic unit as much as a military alliance. he signalled the importance he attaches to this in his farewell statement tonight.

more (rej)

bd 2144

ro 44 urgent

fourth first night lead gronchi rome x x x tonight.

+the meetings which will take place...+ gronchi said, +will tighten the collaboration between the western democracies -- that collaboration which not only increases the possibilities of defense, but which, extended to all fields, assures the cohesion necessary for an effective safeguarding of peace.+

more (rej-cwr)

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ro 45 rush

fifth first night lead gronchi rome x x x peace.+

premier antonio segni, victor in a parliamentary confidence voted yesterday which cleared the way for gronchi's departure, headed the group of 200 italian officials and foreign diplomats who stood in a steady drizzle on a chilly night to see gronchi off.

two hundred and fifty military police patrolled rome's ciampino international airport and others stood in pairs at 200-yard intervals along the 10-mile route on the new appian way leading from the presidential palace to the airport.

gronchi and his wife, accompanied by their 13-year daughter, maria cecilia, prayed at the church of st.teresa in downtown rome before leaving for the airport. maria cecilia and their 11 year-old son, mario, stayed behind.

more (rej-cwr)

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sixth first night lead gronchi rome x x x behind.

gronchi and his party were travelling aboard a red-striped silver dc-6b whose identification letters written on the tail bore the appropriate lettering:

+i-like.+

gronchi walked down a red carpet inside the airport to a microphone to read his statement. then after a round of hand-shakes he walked past a cordon of air force military police to the waiting plane.

he stood on the steps of the plane with both arms upraised as the rain fell on his grey hairs.

the text of his statement:

more (rej-cwr)

bd2206

ro 47 rush

seventh first night lead gronchi rome x x x statement:

+i have been very happy to accept the invitation extended to me in such a friendly way by the president of the united states and by the governor-general of canada to visit their countries.

+this is particularly so because the united states and canada constitute a grandiose example of what can be achieved for the progress and well-being of humanity under a regime of liberty and democracy.

+with these countries italy is bound by relations of cordial friendship and by close links of alliance for the safeguarding of those principles of liberty and democracy which are the foundations of their common civilization.

more (rej-cwr) (open quotes)

bd2210

ro 48 rush

eight first night lead gronchi rome x x x civilization.

+the visit happily coincides with the conclusion of the process by which our country reenters the international community. our nation has recently seen with satisfaction the passing of the last act of discrimination to which it unjustly was subjected.

he referred to italy's recent admission to the united nations after years of soviet vetoes.

+all means of collaboration are open to us from now rpt now on and the renewed contact with responsible men of the great western democracies will offer new possibilities of working together.

more (rej-cwr) (open quotes)

bx2213

ro 49 rush

ninth first night lead gronchi rome x x x together.

+in this light, the meetings which will take place during this visit-- even if they are not rpt not specifically directed towards immediate practical results-- will contribute to greater intimacy and trust in our relations with the united states and canada.

+they will increase understanding and therefore will tighten the collaboration between the western democracies-- that collaboration which not rpt not only increases the possibilities of defense, but which, extended to all fields, assures the cohesion necessary for an effective safeguarding of peace.+

(end) statement) more

(rej-cwr)

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ro 50 rush

tenth first lead gronchi rome x x x peace.+

united states minister john jernegan and canadian ambassador pierre dupuy were at the airport. u.s. ambassador to italy clare boothe luce is already in washington.

vice premier giuseppe saragat, senate president cesare merzagora and chamber of deputies speaker giovanni leone also were on hand.

among those flying with gronchi besides his wife, and foreign minister martino were mrs. martino; mario lucioli, former italian minister to washington and now rpt now gronchi's foreign relations adviser; and gen. alberto roda, the president's military advisor.

more (rej-cwr)

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ro 51 rush

eleventh first night lead gronchi rome x x x advisor.

air force lt. col. giovanni baracchi piloted the special presidential flight on gronchi's first trip outside italy since his inauguration last may.

gronchi is known to believe that the big powers in nato should pay more attention to the opinions of the smaller partners. he is expected to say this frankly in private to american leaders.

but his statement tonight showed that his public remarks will carefully reflect the views of official italy and not rpt not the personal opinions of the president.

(rej) (pickup)

bd2230

ro 52 rush (with gronchi)

rome, feb. 26.--(up) -- italian president giovanni gronchi will have a wistful reminder of the rome siesta hour during his busy north american tour.

before the president boarded his plane for washington tonight, members of his staff gave him a table clock which will be used throughout the journey to show him what time it is in rome.

rome is six hours ahead of eastern standard time. when it's eight a.m. in washington, all of rome is going bed for the afternoon. (rej)

bd2305

ro 1 (onite)

by robert e. jackson

united press staff correspondent

rome, feb. 27.--(up) -- italian president giovanni gronchi winged toward washington today to press for stronger economic and political ties inside the atlantic alliance.

gronchi sees president eisenhower shortly after his arrival at noon washington time (1700 gmt).

gronchi, accompanied by his wife, and italian foreign minister gaetano martino, was flying the atlantic in a red-striped silver italian airlines (lai) dc-6b, whose identification letters' were:

" i like "

the president, first italian head of state to visit north america, left rome last night on an 18-day journey to the united states and canada.

more (rej)

bd0004

ro 2 add gronchi rome x x x canada.

the most influential man on the italian political scene today, even though the presidency is technically a figurehead post, gronchi planned to speak frankly in private and cautiously in public. he realizes it is an election year in the united states, believes the big powers in nato do not pay sufficient attention to the lesser partners. he believes the emphasis in nato is solely on defense at a time when, he said last night, the extension of this collaboration to other fields would increase the chances of peace.

gronchi believes that the west's foreign policy has remained frozen although there is, in his opinion, a thaw in the cold war. he does not rpt not believe the west has yet come up with a satisfactory formula to meet the shift in soviet strategy made plain by the recent moscow party congress.

more (rej)

bd0008

ro 3 third gronchi rome x x x congress.

gronchi, as president, has no rpt no powers to negotiate for italy. no rpt no specific accords are expected from his visits to washington and ottawa. he himself warned last night not rpt not to expect any.

but as a power on the italian political scene, a man who is in office for six more years and a spokesman for the growing body of +independent+ leaders in europe, he expects to have an attentive audience.

(rej)

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ln13 (sss-ro)

after noon lead gronchi.

new york, feb.27-- the three united states congressmen from new york last night hailed the impending arrival of president giovanni gronchi and foreign minister gaetano martino of italy as a particularly timely demonstration of the firmness of bonds between the western allies.

the new york television station wabd of the dumont network featured a five-minute interview in rome with martino. present in the studios to comment in the film and speak glowingly of italo-u.s. relationships were congressmen victor l. anfuso, frederick coudert, jr., and the veteran new york representative, emmanuel celler.

coudert said: +the visit of president gronchi and his foreign secretary following so soon after that of the british prime minister, sir anthony eden, certainly highlights the great alliance of the nations of the western world--the u.s.- britain, italy. all congress is awaiting president gronchi's address to it wednesday.+

celler said the message from martino +underscores the cordial relations which have always existed between italy and the u.s. certainly, we will welcome the address of president gronchi to the joint session of congress this week.+

anfuso, long a leader in italian-american affairs, told the tv audience that the italian president's visit held unusual significance because of the approaching municipal elections in italy. he said, +we know that russia is pouring money into italy to the communists to change the parliamentary system, we know that this won't happen.+

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Ln14

add afternoon lead gronchi new york xxx happen.+

martino was interviewed in rome last week by leslie wolf of the dumont station. he said the visit of the u.s. was +a good will mission and i believe that the contacts that president gronchi will have in america with president eisenhower and their informal exchange of views will contribute to the strengthening of the ties of friendship between italy and the united states.+

martino, asked who in italy could be looked to for the future development of the country, answered: +since i have great faith in the future of my country my answer would be: all the boys and all the girls of this generation.+

martino stressed the +attitude of friendship and trust between italy and america. we belong to the same civilization and the same family. your ideals are our ideals. we are fighting for the same purpose of maintaining our way of life to which we are so attached. i believe the visit of president gronchi to the united states will be one which will greatly strengthen this traditional friendship. of course, all exchanges of officials, experts, and scholars will also strengthen this friendship.+

martino said that the italian economic situation +is very good.+ following the long period of recovery and reconstruction to which the u.s. contributed +and for which we are very grateful.+

he said the recent death of treasury minister ezio vanoni had been a great loss because he was the greatest italian expert in the economic field. but he said vanoni's death would not mean any change in economic policies but +on the contrary, we will try to implement his plans.+

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ln35 (sss-ros 26210)

afternoon lead gronchi

by henry raymont

washington, monday, feb 27.--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy was enroute here today for an historic 13-day state visit to the united states and canada.

his plane, due to land at the military air transport terminal after a trans-atlantic flight at noon (1700 gmt), will be greeted by vice-president richard m. nixon and by secretary of state john foster dulles.

from the airport, gronchi was to motor across the potomac river to downtown washington to receive the +key to the city+ and then be greeted personally by president eisenhower at the white house.

gronchi's trip, the first for an italian chief of state to north america, will take him to six american cities and ottawa. he will be welcomed by millions of italians who have immigrated to this hemisphere or americans of italian descent.

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ln36

add afternoon lead gronchi oniter washington xxx descent.

although the visit is primarily ceremonial, the 67-year-old president will have meetings with mr. eisenhower, dulles and other top officials for broad discussions of world problems. advance reports indicate that he may have some criticism at the way washington is meeting the communist problem.

gronchi is to receive the kind of reception reserved for world figures whom the united states government wants to honor and impress. ambassador clare luce has already arrived to help set the stage for gronchi's good-will visit.

tuesday, he will meet for more than one hour with president eisenhower at the white house. on this occasion, gronchi is expected to urge that more emphasis be placed on the economic and cultural aspects of the north atlantic treaty organization.

wednesday gronchi will address a joint session of congress and the following day the national press club. he probably will take those opportunities to tell the american public some of his views on how to cope with outstanding world problems.

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ln37

third afternoon lead gronchi washington xxx problems.

he also was expected to stress these points:

1. that italy should have a greater voice in western policy-making on european and middle east affairs.
2. whereas italy has emerged from the urgent period of post-war recovery it still needs american investments for industrial developments,
3. the west must come up with a foreign policy designed to meet the shift in soviet cold war strategy.

reports from rome indicate that gronchi is especially anxious to iron out italian-american differences on such questions as +neutralism+ and the+shift to the left+ in italy.

he is expected to stress that his government is set to eradicate social injustices in italy which have been feeding the communist party's propaganda machine. improvements in the lot of the italian peasant will also be cited as a major goal of the government, informed quarters said.

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evs0319.

ln39

fourth gronchi washington xxx said.

after the official greeting at the white house this afternoon, gronchi will motor across to the blair house where he will spend the four days he remains in washington. the president will be accompanied by signora gronchi and by foreign minister and signora gaetano martino.

at 5 p.m. (2200 gmt) he is scheduled to meet the staff of the italian embassy. a little later he will attend a reception for the italo-american colony of washington.

some 400 guests have been invited for the occasion representing some 15 organizations.

on friday, gronchi will start his cross-country swing. it will take him to norfolk and williamsburg in virginia, detroit, san francisco, new york and ottawa.

gronchi also is scheduled to present a 14-foot bronze reproduction of the famous +discobolus+ statue to the people of the united states. the original was made by the greek sculptor myron in the fifth century b.c.

evs 0327

ln60 (ro)

new york, monday, feb.27--(up)-- the herald tribune commented (textually) today on italian president gronchi's arrival:

+welcome to president gronchi

+when president giovanni gronchi of italy arrives in the united states today, it will be as the representative of a nation which has risen from the ruins of war to take its place as one of the most important and valued members of the free world community, the significance of his trip may be judged from the fact that it marks the first visit by an italian head of state, whether a president or a king, to these shores. and it will be comprehensive visit, as such journeys go, for the italian president is scheduled to remain in the united states and canada until the middle of march. eventually mr. gronchi takes seriously the job of sounding out american opinion on a variety of problems which confront his country as well as ours.

+this is all to the good. full, frank and free discussion is the best way for member nations of the great western alliance to approach their problems and align their policies. it would be well if the talks between president gronchi and american officials brought about an interchange of ideas on the best way to face the common peril of soviet communism, and if they reaffirmed the historic ties which so long have united the italian and american peoples.

+during his stay, president gronchi will observe at first hand many manifestations of the friendship in which american attitudes toward italy are deeply rooted. he is certain to be greeted enthusiastically wherever he goes as the chosen spokesman of one of the great peoples of the west. in a literal sense, his is a good-will trip. in common with all americans, we bid him welcome.+

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ssrth

ln 62 (ro)

new york, monday, feb. 27--(up)--the new york times commented (textually) today on gronchi's visit:

+a visit from the president of italy is diplomatically important in any circumstances and it is a pleasant opportunity to show our friendship for italy. when the president is a dynamic and interesting character like giovanni gronchi, who arrives in the united states today, the visit becomes much more than a formality.

+constitutionally, the italian president has little authority, but a forceful character like giovanni gronchi can give a weight and influence to the post that it does not normally have. at first, president gronchi's espousal of the subquote opening to the left unsubquote frightened the uninitiated. the phrase was interpreted to mean that signor gronchi wanted to see a government formed that contained the left-wing nenni socialists who are closely linked to italy's large communist party. however giovanni gronchi is and always was an anti-communist. what he meant was that the nenni socialists must split with the reds and then a government of the left could be formed with them.

+the emphasis is always on the left, and this is what disturbs so many people. yet, in so far as such trends can be pinned down, popular sentiment in italy on the whole is weighted to the left. this is a genuine left, not a totalitarian communist one. over a period of a few years the communists have been losing ground, although they remain the most powerful communist party in voting strength outside the iron curtain.

+the really important -- and deeply satisfying -- fact about post-war italian history is that, in spite of the communist strength, grave economic problems, high unemployment and a natural lack of experience in the ways of democracy after 22 years of fascism, italy has become and remained a democracy. this is a great accomplishment and president gronchi is one of the men who helped to keep italy on the path to freedom. we do not need to agree with all his ideals or he with ours. what matters is that he believes in democratic institutions and is a friend of the united states. he will be welcomed here with true cordiality.+

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ro 20 (attn wa photos-tv)

with gronchi

rome, feb. 27.--(up) -- the italian airlines lai has call letters on its american-bound planes which mean something in english.

there was no rpt no trouble deciding which plane to use for today's trip carrying italian president giovanni gronchi to conferences with president eisenhower.

the letters are:

+ i like +

(rj)

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ln179

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(ro)

washington, feb 27.--(up)--the plane bearing italian president giovanni gronchi to washington was reported one hour late which would make its arrival here at 1800 gmt instead of 1700 gmt. the plane was flying from gander.

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(hold for release expected 1800 gmt)

by norman montellier

washington, feb. 27--(up)-- italian president giovanni gronchi arrived here today on the first visit ever made by the head of state of italy to the united states and received an enthusiastic welcome as he landed at the airport.

he came for consultations with president eisenhower and a 15-day-nation wide tour of american cities, where many millions of americans of italian origin eagerly awaited his appearance.

gronchi arrived in an italian plane, flying in from gander, newfoundland, after a trans-atlantic flight. he landed at the military air transport service airport, across the potomac river from the city proper.

a large crowd of officials waited at the airport to welcome him and the highest ceremonial honors were bestowed upon him, including a 21-gun salute.

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gm1557

ln204 ux 22

add gronchi arrival (hfr) washington x x salute.

gronchi was accompanied by his wife and daughter and italian foreign minister gaetano martino and his wife, as well as a number of other italian officials.

a city draped with italian flags and with 19 bands massed along the route of entry awaited the coming of the gronchi party.

at the city hall the three commissioners who administer the area in the place of a mayor awaited to give him the key to the city.

at the airport to welcome gronchi were vicepresident richard m. nixon, secretary of state john foster dulles, and chairman of the joint chiefs of staff admiral arthur w. radford. president eisenhower, who is recovering from a heart attack, awaited them at the white house, where gronchi was scheduled to call within an hour after his arrival.

a guard of honor consisting of 350 mixed troops from each of the nation's five major defense services was drawn up at the airport ramp as the italian president's plane landed. these comprised troops from the army, navy, marines, air force and national guard.

two thousand five hundred troops and officers lined the parade route in the city and 19 bands were stationed at intervals to add their music to the welcome.

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gm1602

ln205 ux 23

third gronchi arrival (hfr) washington x x x welcome.

the weather was cloudy with rain threatening but was milder than it has been on most winter days here. the temperature was near 40 degrees fahrenheit. most americans waiting in the welcome group wore overcoats.

the airplane was late, having been delayed in its flight here from gander, newfoundland, it had been scheduled originally to land at 12 noon est.

the welcome ceremonies at the airport included a review of the troops lined up in honor of the italian president, and an exchange of greetings between gronchi and nixon on radio and television circuits for the benefit of the general public.

following the airport formalities, the italian party was driven in limousines along the potomac river to a marble bridge over which they passed into the district of columbia, which is the city of washington. here a parade line led along approximately 25 blocks of parkland and government buildings in the heart of the city to the city hall where commissioners waited on stands covered with bunting and flags to present the key to the city. this is a formality of welcome extended to outstanding foreign guests. crowds along the parade line cheered the italians.

from the city hall, the motorcade moved four more blocks to the white house where president eisenhower waited to welcome president gronchi on the north porch.

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(attn ro)

a new lead will follow based on remarks made at the airport, and another lead when gronchi meets eisenhower.

gm1606

ln220 (ro)

washington, feb. 27--(up)--raimonda orselli, a beautiful florentine dancer who last week joined the growing number of italian entertainers on american television, was asked today to meet president giovanni gronchi.

italian ambassador manlio brozio had a special invitation sent to miss orselli's home in philadelphia for her to attend the reception he is giving gronchi at the embassy wednesday night.

invitations have also been made to gino prato and michele della rocca, the two cobblers who thrilled american television viewers recently by answering questions about the opera that together earned them dollars 96,000.

miss orselli played the lead in the american broadcasting corporation (abc) television's nation-wide show +a star tonight+. she was featured as one of the mostpromising young actress-dancers to have appeared on the program.

born in florence, the young actress first appeared as a dancer in the opera season of the teatro comunale, near gronchi's own home town of pontedera.

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ln241 bulletin''''''''

release gronchi arrival, inserting arrival time as 1805 gmt.

gm1807

ro 50

(with gronchi)

rome, feb 27 (up) - the semi-official magazine of the italian foreign ministry said today that the atlantic alliance and solidarity with the united states constitute +the cardinal points of italian foreign policy+

the magazine +esteri+ made the comment in an editorial hailing the american invitation to italian president giovanni gronchi as + an act of sympathy and homage which the united states has used to demonstrate to our people, through the honors which will be paid to our first citizen, the cordiality and warmth of their feelings for the italian nation.+

+ the atlantic alliance and solidarity with the united states constitute the cardinal points of italian foreign policy+, it said. + western defense policy, based on the preparation for a common force as a deterrent, would not rpt not be sufficient if at the same time, the west did not show that it was animated by the decision to preserve its liberty through consolidation and the development of its economic and social progress.

(esc) 1810-ac

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bulletin''''''''

washington, feb. 27--(up)-- the italian airline plane carrying president giovanni gronchi and his party touched ground at the military air transport service at 1805 gmt.

gm1810

ln247 urgent''

add gronchi washington x x x gmt.

on his arrival at the airport, gronchi was wearing a black top coat. he looked rested despite the overnight trans-atlantic trip from italy.

he walked down the moveable steps from the airplane to the ramp smiling, to be greeted first by protocol chief john f. simmons, who then introduced him to vice president nixon.

he was followed down the steps by foreign minister gaetano martino, and mrs. gronchi and other members of the party.

gronchi posed for several minutes at the request of photographers. his picture was taken most frequently while shaking hands with nixon.

many motion picture and television cameras, as well as still cameras were trained on him. some of them took their pictures from a stand mounted in a truck. about 40 reporters surged about the official welcoming group and the gronchi party. meanwhile the guard of honor stood at attention.

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gm1826

ln249 third gronchi washington x x x attention.

after meeting nixon, the president was taken to greet the other united states and italian embassy officials in the receiving line.

after that he walked toward the officers representing the honor guard and stood at attention as the flags were raised in honor and during a 21-gun salute fired from a nearby battery.

members of a uniformed security guard were slightly alarmed as several photographers broke through a line to get closer shots of the president and started to hold them back but were called off by an officer.

gronchi meanwhile stood calmly at attention flanked by vice president nixon and a protocol officer, behind him stood his wife and mrs. martino carrying bouquets of red roses. in the background stood the gigantic italian airline plane which bore the markings +i-like+ curiously similar to the republican +i like ike+ meaning president eisenhower.

after the artillery salute, trumpets and drums played +ruffles and flourishes,+ a salute reserved for chiefs of state. then the 90-piece army band played the italian anthem, followed by the united states national anthem.

gronchi and nixon were then taken to inspect the honor guard by major manley dalo. the major was dressed in his gala uniform of bright blue with golden epaulets.

gronchi and nixon then exchanged a few remarks which brought smiles to their faces, meanwhile, numerous women reporters flocked around the wives of the visiting dignitaries to get remarks about the trip.

gm1834

ln250 us 32

bulletin''''

night lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

washington, feb. 27--(up)-- italian president giovanni gronchi arrived today as the first head of state of his nation to visit the u.s. and said: +the relations of sincere friendship existing between the united states and italy for many years, have now been strengthened by well-defined bonds of alliance for the defense of freedom and democracy.+

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gm1836

ln254 us 33 urgent''

add night lead gronchi washington x x democracy.+

he spoke at the airport on arrival after a trans-atlantic flight from italy in an italian plane.

he came for consultations with president eisenhower and a 15-day nationwide visit to united states cities where many millions of persons of italian descent, as well as millions of other americans enthusiastically awaited his arrival.

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gm1845

ln256 ux 34

third night lead gronchi washington x x x arrival.

as his plane set down at the airport he received a 21-gun salute and other honors given notable visitors. a group of more than 100 united states officials headed by vice president richard m. nixon was at the airport to greet him. after formalities of the reception, gronchi and nixon exchanged greetings for nation-wide television and radio circuits.

it was in these that gronchi made his remarks about the relations with the u.s.

gronchi said in part:

+arriving in the united states, i wish first of all to say how grateful i am to president eisenhower for having expressed with so much cordiality his desire that the head of the italian state, for the first time since the unification of italy, should visit, as a guest, your great country.

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gm1851

ln260 four night lead gronchi washington x x x country.

+...the italians feel for the north american people much sympathy and admiration: two sentiments which go very rarely together and which our common ideals and our common purposes are making ever more spontaneous and profound.

+as the head of the italian state, i am bringing to your country the most heartfelt expression of these sentiments which i am sure will continue to govern relations between the united states and italy.

+the large flow of italiens to the united states, since the time the prodigious progress of your country was in the making, has shown how natural is cooperation between our two peoples, and how constructive it can be in every field.

we intend, not only to deepen and to extend such cooperation to our mutual advantage, but to place it at the service of peace, of freedom and of social and human progress. these are the immutable foundations of the civilization that the united states and italy have undertaken to defend.+

ef 1909

ln274-ux39 rush

first night lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier.

washington, feb. 27--(up)--president eisenhower gave a hearty welcome to italian president giovanni gronchi at the white house today.

the two shook hands warmly and exchanged greetings that could not be overheard in the tumult made by nearly 100 newsmen, cameramen and white house employes pushing to see the two chiefs of state in the northern portico of the government mansion.

photographers broke through the police lines in the portico in an unprecedented rush to record the meeting.

eisenhower, used to such pressures, remained calm and directed his visitors how to pose for the photographers.

gronchi, regarded the scene with good humor. mrs. eisenhower immediately locked arms with the wife of the italian president and they were also joined by foreign minister gaetano martino and his wife.

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sg2003

ln277-ux41

add first night lead gronchi washington xxx wife.

the meeting of the two presidents climaxed the welcome given here today to the italian leader as he flew in across the atlantic ocean for a 15-day nation-wide visit of united states cities, and consultations here on world affairs.

he came in an italian airplane accompanied by his wife, the italian foreign minister and other officials.

they landed at the airport across the potomac river from this city at 1805 gmt and were accorded high honors by a welcoming delegation of about 100 united states officials and their wives.

then gronchi and his party were taken in a motorcade to the city hall where he received the traditional welcome of the +key to the city.+

next they drove to the white house where president eisenhower awaited them on the north portico of the building.

gronchi told eisenhower he thought that the new glass-topped limousine that brought him from the airport was +wonderful.+

secretary of state dulles arrived with ambassador clare boothe luce. the tall secretary of state was wearing a gray topcoat, sporting a good-sized italian flag in his lapel.

the group was in good spirits and frequently laughed as the photographers jostled and frequently called out for murray snyder, assistant white house press officer, to remove the policemen out of their way.

+give us a break, give us a break,+ the photographers yelled.
+murray, come and tell them to get out of our way.+

(pickup)

sg2012

ln279-ux42

third first night lead gronchi washington xxx way.+

the surge of photographers started after eisenhower and gronchi walked from the automobile up the steps of the portico and across the porch toward the glass doors of the white house. it was there that they stopped and faced the photographers.

eisenhower was wearing a neat gray suit with a blue tie. his face, suntanned from his recent vacation in the south, had the same color as gronchi's more ruddy complexion. vice president nixon, who had been riding with gronchi from the airport, stood out with a deep tan he acquired from a long weekend in the south. gronchi was wearing an elegant gray silk tie with red blocks. he was still wearing a heavy black topcoat over a brown-gray worsted suit despite the balmy temperature.

mrs. eisenhower was wearing a gray-blue dress with a fur stole and mrs. gronchi a rich brown fur coat over a black dress.

as eisenhower first met gronchi at the side of the automobile before they went up the steps to the porch, he said to him:

+so good to see you. you don't know how happy i am. it is the first time an italian president has visited this country. i am very delighted to have you here. it is a very great privilege.+

after gronchi has shaken hands, the italian foreign minister, gaetano martino, also greeted eisenhower. then in the continental manner, martino kissed mrs. eisenhower's hand. this is unusual here.

sg2019

ln282-us43

fourth first night lead gronchi washington xxx here.

the welcome ceremony at the white house consisted only of the handshaking and brief conversation on the porch. after this brief interlude, gronchi and his wife went to the official guest mansion called blair house almost across the street, where they will stay during their visit. the eisenhowers will entertain the italian party at a white house lunch tomorrow and later the two presidents will confer.

as they were leaving, mrs. eisenhower said to signora gronchi, +i hope you'll be very happy and very comfortable. i will see you tomorrow.+

president eisenhower, surveying the surge of reporters and photographers around him on the portico, said:

+this is the biggest bunch i ever saw -- it reminds me of a press conference.+

veteran white house photographers later remarked that they did not remember every having seen such a confused scene at the white house steps. they noted that the usual number of cameramen had been supplemented by numerous italian photographers who had come here with the president but they did not think this accounted for the pressure which they could only explain as stemming from the excitement of the moment.

during the photographing on the white house porch, ambassador clare boothe luce assisted in posing the group. she carried small italian and united states flags in her hand.

(pickup)

sg2039

ln294 fifth first night lead gronchi washington x x hand.

the procession of the gronchi motorcade from the airport into washington was one bursting with color. sunshine wiped away the early rain clouds and gave gronchi and his party a magnificent view of the capital as their cavalcade swept along the grass-bordered highway along the potomac.

all traffic on the highway was stopped and motorists left their autos to stand at the roadside and wave greetings. several mothers carried small children from their cars to view the cavalcade.

at the imposing marble memorial bridge across the potomac river, the first of 19 bands broke into a military march to salute the president.

the bridge flew 126 flags--the italian flag, the american flag and the washington d.c. banner, grouped in sets of three on every light standard. at every foot of the line of parade from there to blair house the three flags waved.

gm2115

ln313 sixth first night lead gronchi washington x x x waved.

gronchi exbridge parade route around lincoln memorial soldiers marines sailors airforcers national guards stiffly attention saluting every five paces. 160 officers 2340 enlisted route bridge blairward. exmemorial procession entered stately broad constitution avenue capitol ward met platoon blue uniformed park police riding black horses which took lead gallopo tenuto. spectators sidewalks massed thousand outhung windows navy department aec building federal reserve other offices hotels some waving small italian flags other handkerchiefs scarves.

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ef 2210

ln316 seventh first night lead gronchi washington x x x scarves.

band stationed each major street intersection some school arrayed proudly headed barelegged a dancing schoolgirl sextettes. exconstitution parade twelfth street then up pennsylvania avenue behind mounted escort and twenty motorpolice. squarebefore district columbia building passed through arch green red white bunting twenty foot italian flag to special red white blue dais behind which fifteenfoot high photograph gronchi flanked huge italoamerican flags. three eighteen by twentyfour foot flags front building two american flanking one italian hundreds smaller every window. gronchi warmly applauded entering stand metropolitan police band played namelli hymn

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ln 320 eight first night lead gronchi washington xxx

airforcers played unistates anthem. airforce drum bugle corps performed eight minutes military marches scottish tune complete with bagpipes even tango. band faced stand played quote eye only have eyes for you unquote gronchi raised hands over head applauding.

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ln322 ninth first night lead gronchi washington xxx open

samuel spencer chairman board district commissioners dash appointed by congress to administer city undash presented gronchi golden key city saying quote people italy had close ties unistates since discovery western hemisphere columbus stop sons daughters italy since then endowed america their great gifts every field asterisks we greatly distressed recent suffering snow stricken people italy all hope assistance unistates and american forces europe able lessen their suffering asterisks you will find great feeling friendship americawide and this attest close ties friendship that bind us unquote gronchi accepted key paid tribute ideals for which said name and city washington always stood worldwide

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ln 342 10th first night lead gronchi washington x x x worldwide

gronchi said quote eye accept this key as symbol for we know man wherefore city named know name too as site that government which always sought seeks strengthen democracy unquote restressed need for italy unistates join all other free nations quote defend cause liberty unquote said symbol gold key quote another affirmation spiritual ideals free world unquote.

expressed italys thanks past american aid quote once again strength ties between us shown by help american redcross and unistates forces europe for victims recent storms italy stop eye glad be able express here deep gratitude italian people unquote

at whitehouse crowd get upper hand police secret service agents stop two thin iron chains held crowd both sides white marble steps entrance but when eisenhower gronchi met pressure crowd one side snapped barrier crowd surged around principals while police tried restore order

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1e2346

ln 343 11th first night leave gronchi washington x x x order.

eisenhower first step out on north portico stood head steps stop as gronchis car halted missus eisenhower joined husband mink stole shoulders.

eisenhower walked briskly down six steps greet gronchi then led up again introduced missus ike then walked down again greeted signora gronchi escorted her up steps for more photos. dulles left car hatless white hair mussed wind four by five inch italian flag lapel buttonhole overcoat. dulles marino joined others top steps but then guard chain broke crowd swept forward forcing signora broasio vicepresident nixon missus nixon back against cars. took strenuous police shoving clear path official partyward. seemed all spectators mostly white house office personnel armed cameras. they pushed jostled news cameramen for positions vantage stop gronchi seemed astonished crowd scenes. applause when ike escorted gronchi signora back cars. missus eisenhower reentered whitehouse eisenhower stood alone top steps smiling farewell.

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In 344 12th first night lead gronchi washington x x x farewell.

gronchi then drove across street to blair house his residence
washington accompanied dulles nixon ambassador luce who left immediately
when gronchi entered house.

plans informal luncheon meeting gronchi group american businessmen
cancelled due delay gronchis arrival. entered blair house 1945 gmt
instead 1830 scheduled. planned quiet lunch rest then italian embassy
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In 30 with gronchi (ro)

washington, feb. 28--(up)--the washington daily news a scripps-howard newspaper, said editorially monday that the u.s. welcome for president giovanni gronchi of italy should recognize that italy has been a +faithful postwar ally+ who has always acknowledged american friendship for italians.

it said:

+president giovanni gronchi of italy arrives today with no very clear billing on his political thinking except that he fights communism by pushing welfare programs of a decided left-wing flavor.

+he has been flirting with italy's left-wing socialists and long has favored an 'opening to the left' in italian politics. but he is hard to pin down as to whether he means a working coalition with the fellow-travelers of communism.

+this is important in the light of communism's new policy -- as recently outlined by soviet party boss khrushchev -- of using parliamentary institutions to bring about revolutions in countries of the free world. it is well to remember that italy's communist party is one of the largest, numerically and proportionately, of any country in europe.

+signor gronchi also has offered us some gratuitous advice that we should recognize red china. but this need not be taken too seriously since italy has withheld recognition and her premier has said there will be no relations with the peiping regime until it improves its manners - certainly a dim possibility.

+in any case, our welcome to the president of italy -- the first ever to visit this country -- need not be tempered. italy has proved herself a faithful post-war ally, and in contrast to some other nations, sincerely grateful and prompt in acknowledging the friendliness we genuinely feel for the people of her country.+

0225les

In 31 ux 12 rush (ro)

afternoon lead gronchi.

by norman j. montellier.

washington, feb. 28--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy, moved by an unusually warm greeting from the people of the united states, meets president eisenhower today (tuesday) to discuss +the most important problems+ of italy and europe.

the italian president begins his official talks today at 15.30 gmt at the white house. eisenhower and secretary of state john foster dulles, undersecretary of state herbert hoover, jr., ambassador clare boothe luce and c. burke elbrick, acting assistant secretary of state for european affairs will confer with gronchi, foreign minister gaetano martino and italian ambassador manlio brosic on subjects expected to center around italy's long-range economic development program.

gronchi ended his first day in washington at a clamorous reception at the italian embassy where 400 chosen representatives of italian-american communities for hundreds of miles around shouted their welcomes to him.

(more) 0230les

ln32/ux13

add afternoon lead gronchi, washington xxx him.

+viva il presidente+ rang out from the crowded main hall of the embassy when gronchi made his appearance at 2359 gmt, after meeting privately first with italian embassy personnel to extend personal salutations to each.

gronchi, led by brozio, literally forced his way into the center of the crowded hall where guests jammed so thickly together that photographers could not raise their cameras. some climbed on tables and chairs to catch a glimpse of the president as he acknowledged the salute from italian-americans from washington, boston, baltimore, st. louis, philadelphia and new orleans.

+i thank you all for the affectionate reception,+ gronchi said. +i divide this homage as four-fifths for italy an one-fifth for me personally. this warm greeting signifies the depth of the attachment you have for the great and beloved country that is ours. both of those who are italians by nationality and those of you who are citizens of the country which is now your home.+

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ln34/ux14 :(ro)

third afternoon lead gronchi, washington xxx home.+

gronchi urged the italian-americans to maintain always a deep memory of their mother country. +i say this not out of pride,+ he said, +but to keep strong the bond between our countries.+

he drew cheers when he told the crowd that italy at the end of the war had embarked upon a painful period of reconstruction but +today, italy is on her feet. after the generous aid of this great country, italy today has surmounted her ruin and misery. i do not say this as a manifestation of pride but as a recognition of the fact that after the decade just ended, we have begun a new path toward a better future and progress for italy..+

cries of +bene+ and +viva+ saluted his words.

gronchi yielded to the pleas of representatives of italian-american groups to make a brief statement for radio stations serving those communities and took the opportunity to express his own emotion at the warmth of the reception he has received.

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ln172 rush

(ro)

by norman j. monteller.

washington, feb. 28--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy opened his conferences with top american leaders at the white house today and was expected to present a forceful picture of the need to consider italy's growing stature in the atlantic community.

gronchi and foreign minister gaetano martino went to the white house at 1530 gmt to meet president eisenhower and top state department officials.

the white house visit followed a solemn tribute to american war dead at the arlington national cemetery where gronchi placed a wreath on the tomb of the united states unknown soldier.

gronchi's talks at the white house coincided with u.s. political events of the greatest significance.

sg1555

ln173 add gronchi washington xxx significance

political questions involving eisenhower and dulles put the gronchi visit in an unusual light since he would have a theoretical possibility of learning their plans before the american public is informed. the pressure of his official program reduced gronchi's talks with eisenhower to just one hour. with five americans and four italian participating in the talks it was not likely that anything more than broad policy views could be outlined.

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sg1556

ln 181 (ro)

third gronchi washington x x x outlined.

italian ambassador manlio brozio had gone to blair house at 1345 gmt to confer with president gronchi on the chief subjects he wanted to talk to the president about.

these subjects were understood to include italy's place in nato and views on nato, taking into consideration article two of the nato charter dealing chiefly with economic and cultural cooperation among the nato nations= italy's situation in the mediterranean, and italy's desire to accelerate the tempo of economic rehabilitation of the south.

it appeared that gronchi intended only to deal with matters of specific interest to italy and not with general world problems. gronchi yesterday stressed to embassy officials that he had not come here to ask for any favors of the united states.

gronchi arrived at the white house after going to arlington at 1430 gmt. it was a morning of bright sunshine but cold heightened by a sharp wind. his cavalcade arrived at the imposing entrance gate of the cemetery at 1430 gmt. preparations for the presidents visit were meticulous. u.s. army walkie-talkie radio crews at the main gate contacted the gun crew on the top of the plateau overlooking the potomac river and also alerted the guard awaiting gronchi at the memorial amphitheatre.

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at 1625

ln 182

fourth gronchi washington x x x amphitheatre.

at a combined signal, the gun battery fired the first of the 21-gun salute. at the same moment, the troops at the Amphitheatre snapped to attention and gronchi's car entered the cemetery.

the gun blast cracked loudly through the cold air as the calvalcade rode slowly to the amphitheatre where maj. gen. john g. van houten, commanding general of the military district of washington, formally welcomed gronchi. through precise planning, the last shot of the salute was fired as gronchi stepped from his car. gronchi was escorted by gen. van houten up the western steps of the amphitheatre where the national colors of italy were presented.

a solemn procession then led around the 4,000-seat building to the east entrance where gronchi faced directly into the morning sunshine. below him in the small square around the tomb of the unknown soldier were arrayed a combined honor guard of army, navy, marine and air force units.

gronchi and van houten walked down nine steps and halted as the honor guard snapped to attention, gave a salute and the u.s. army band played the italian anthem. gronchi was hatless and gloveless despite the cold.

more at 1630

ln 184

fifth gronchi washington x x x cold.

after the salute to gronchi, he walked sedately down the stairs and crossed the plaza to halt a few paces from the tomb. he and van houten stood at attention during the playing of the u.s. anthem, and then two wreath bearers brought forward a large garland of red and white roses with a green leaf background. red, white and green ribbons on the wreath were stamped in gold with the simple inscription +the president of the republic of italy.+

gronchi and the two wreath bearers placed the wreath against the tomb and all then stood in reverent silence as a bugler sounded the tribute +taps+ to the american war dead.

it was a solemn and moving ceremony that was over in 15 minutes, every detail working with the precision of an army maneuver.

gronchi returned to blair house for 15 minutes before going to the white house.

after the conference with eisenhower it was arranged for gronchi to present to the president in the white house gardens at 1730 gmt a bronze reproduction of the famous statue +the discus thrower+ made by the greek sculptor myron in 500 b.c.

the statue is given to eisenhower as a gift from italy to the american people as a gesture of gratitude for the u.s. role in obtaining the return to italy of the art master-pieces stolen by hitler.

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at 1638

ln 186

sixth gronchi washington x x x x hitler.

the statue was reproduced from the marble in rome. the italian founder bearsi and two embossers donated their services free and accepted payment only for materials to cast the great bronze reproduction. they worked for six months to chisel the bronze and give it the same texture as the work in marble. the statue was then buried in the grounds for five months and then exposed to the open air for another six months to give it the finish of antique bronze.

the city of rome added to the gift a pillar of african gray granite topped by a white marble capital. both stones were found in roman archeological excavations. on the base of roman travertine is inscribed +gli italiana al popolo americano+ and the date of gronchi's visit to the united states.

the commission of fine arts for washington will select an appropriate place for the statue which will join the city's five hundred works of statuary now in public places. the only other major sculpture in washington with an italian connection is the great columbus memorial in union station plaza. the base of this memorial is a ship on which appears the figure of columbus.

at 1645

ln208 bulletin (ro)

(with gronchi)

washington, feb. 28--(up)--president gronchi and signora gronchi arrived at the white house at 1740 gmt to join president and mrs. eisenhower in an informal visit before a state luncheon.

sg1809

lntlx 2 rome

add lunch washington (ln208)

x x x luncheon.

the eisenhowers received the gronchis in their second floor living quarters. they relaxed and talked informally in the eisenhower living room. then the eisenhowers showed them through their living quarters and through the lincoln room which is still decorated with the original furniture.

when they descended for lunch at 1815 gmt, the eisenhowers led the way down the main staircase to show the gronchis something of the great mansion.

for gronchi, who refused to live in romes quirinale palace because he thought it was too imposing for a family, the 107-room white house was as much a sight to see as it is for the millions of tourists who visit it each year.

the eisenhowers showed the gronchis through the great state and ball room, called the east room, which is the largest in the house, and then through the three other stately lounges known for their colors--the green room, the blue room, and the red room. the red room, done in red silk damask, with three red sofas and a red rug, is where mrs. eisenhower receives her guests

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ef 2010

tlx-ln4 (ro)

third lunch washington x x x guests.

there were 39 guests at the lunch including the two presidents and their wives. the state dining room is one of the most handsome of the white house and its second largest room. it can accommodate more than 100 guests and president calvin coolidge was so impressed by its comfortable air that he used to eat three meals a day there, even though he often ate alone. the walls are a spring green color, and a soft green rug covers the floor. a glorious chandelier hangs from the chaste white plaster ceiling. a feature of the room is the oven mantel given to president eisenhower by queen elizabeth the second.

guests at the luncheon included the italian foreign minister and his wife, ambassador manlio brozio and signora brozio, gen. giuseppe mancinelli, chief of staff of italian defense: minister mario lucioli, chief of italy's office of international relations: embassy minister egidio ortona and mrs. ortona, and enrico aillaud, foreign office vice chief of cabinet.

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ef 2018

tlx-ln5 (ro)

fourth lunch washington x x x cabinet.

U.S. guests were vice president and mrs. nixon, secretary of state and mrs. dulles, secretary of treasury and mrs. humphrey, budget director rowland hughes and mrs. hughes, sen. and mrs. walter f. george, sen. and mrs. alexander wiley, rep. joseph w. martin, jr., rep. and mrs. james p. richards, rep. robert b. chipperfield, samuel cardinal stritch, ambassador clare boothe luce, presidential assistant and mrs. dillon anderson, the honorable and mrs. william f. russell, mrs. marion naylor bailey, mrs. rosamond berry and mrs. margaret biddle.

ef 2022

ln216-ux70 rush

(ro)

night lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier.

washington, feb. 28--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy and president eisenhower had a +most warm and cordial+ one-hour conference today on italy's role in the atlantic community and agreed to meet again to discuss in more detail such questions as european integration and italy's views about the need to change western policies to meet russia's economic aid offensive.

the two presidents conferred with their top aides, but gronchi and eisenhower did all the talking. for the italians, the highest spokesmen said, +it as an excellent conference+ and added that they were impressed most by the sincerity and warmth of eisenhower's feeling for italian views and problems.

a joint white house communique said that the two heads of state discussed various subjects centering around the role of both countries in nato. it said that they both +explained means of strengthening the solidarity of that organization and its members in the political, economic and psychological fields as well as in the military.+

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ln 228-ux73

add night lead gronchi washington x x x military.+

the white house statement said:

+the president of the united states expressed his appreciation to the president of the italian republic for the italian nation's unswerving devotion to the cause of liberty and individual freedom. the president also praised the important role italy has always played as a charter member of the north atlantic treaty organization.+

foreign minister martino said that the discussions had been on the +most friendly terms.+ he said that because of the shortness of time the two presidents felt there were other matters that required further discussion and that +the meeting will be continued at a time to be fixed later.+

the white house statement said that both parties had agreed to meet again +if further official meetings prove to be desirable.+

a high italian source said that gronchi began the discussion with an expression of gratitude for the reception given him and +after that the two presidents talked, warmly and frankly+

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at 1935

ln 229/ux74

third nightlead gronchi washington x x x frankly.+

gronchi led off by explaining his desire to reaffirm italy's faith and devotion to the atlantic alliance and its goals which he defined as +the defense of liberty and democracy as a system of life.+

eisenhower replied that he wished to make it +most clearly understood+ that in the united states there has never existed any shadow of doubt over the faithfulness and loyalty of italy for the atlantic community. eisenhower said he considered the visit of gronchi as proof of the extent of the trust the u.s. places in italy as a member of nato.

gronchi went into general detail about italy's contributions to nato and her current budgetary items for the military. he explained in general terms the impossibility of italy maintaining forces on an equal basis with such other members as the u.s., france and britain because her economic status does not permit such expenditures. he stressed that because of the low per capita income italy's contributions to the atlantic alliance are proportionately greater than most of the other members.

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at 1943

ln230-ux75

fourth nightlead gronchi washington xxx members.

gronchi dwelt on the need to reinforce the cohesion of the atlantic countries especially in the fields of political, economic and social activity. on these points, his presentation was basically the same as that made by italy at the paris conference last december.

eisenhower replied that he understood this point of view and agreed on the necessity of this phase of action in order to face up to demands of so-called +competitive coexistence.+ eisenhower agreed that this long standing italian argument has more value than ever at the present moment.

gronchi spoke briefly about european integration, and both presidents were in agreement that this process must be encouraged as the only possible way that european unity can be established and provide permanent peace for europe.

on all these points the statements were general and no details were gone into. there is no agenda for the conversations and the presidents are expected to engage in the same frank conversations at any future meeting.

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at 21952

ln232-ux76

fifth night lead gronchi washington xxx meeting.

another presidential conference may be held tomorrow or thursday, depending on eisenhower's program. at that time, it was understood, gronchi hoped to speak more fully about european integration and advance vigorously italy's desire for greater u.s. support of this program. he was expected to offer some specific suggestions on what the u.s. might do. he also hoped to deal with such matters as euratom, the european atomic pool plan, and the need for effective aid from the u.s. if it is to come into being.

martino was awaiting word from secretary of state dulles on an independent conference he sought in order to take up some policy details which the presidents would not cope with.

the italians were most pleased by the cordiality of eisenhower and his official advisers. they said that eisenhower was most emphatic in showing his friendship for italy. gronchi and eisenhower talked so freely back and forth that no other persons at the conference said anything.

in very general terms, both presidents touched upon the new russian policy and in discussing european matters referred to the need to modify the course of the atlantic alliance policy in order to develop the social, political and economic aspects of the pact. there was no direct reference to article two of nato which refers to the community's economic integration.

(pickup earlier)

at 1958

tlx 13 (rome)

sixth night lead gronchi washington x x x integration.

after the morning meeting with president eisenhower, president gronchi, mrs. gronchi and other italians were the guests at luncheon of the eisenhower at the white house

about 2030 gmt the italian president and his wife visited the national gallery of art where one of the best collections of paintings in the united states is assembled.

the president and his party were officially scheduled to spend only 15 minutes in the gallery, but actually spent nearly an hour viewing the collections of great european and american paintings. moreover, signora gronchi stayed behind for a more complete tour when the president left shortly before 2130 gmt.

in a brief statement to reporters before he left the building, president gronchi said that one visit, such as he had just made, +is more than sufficient do dispel the erroneous idea, prevalent in Europe concerning the materialistic attitude of americans+.

he said the fine collection is evidence that instead of using money to get money, as many europeans think, americans use money to create and display beauty.

the president's party was a few minutes late arriving at the museum, and a small false alarm caused a flurry among the waiting reporters and museum officials.

they had been waiting inside the front doors to escape the cold february winds. precisely at 2030 gmt the sound of sirens caused them to push outside to greet what they thought were the arriving dignitaries. instead the sirens turned out to be those of two passing fire engines.

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telex fk (ro)

seventh night lead gronchi washington x x engines.

a few minutes later, however, the president' party drove up escorted by motorcycle policemen with sirens.

the visitors were taken first to the rooms housing the paintings of the great italian masters. gronchi remarked there that whatever the florentine school lacked in style or lines, was more than made up in brilliancy of colors. he was looking at the large, circular painting of the adoration of magi, by fra angelico and filippo lippi as he made the statement.

gronchi and his party were then taken on a hurried tour of the dutch, spanish, french, flemish, british, and american schools, and concluded in the rooms which display such modernists as picasso, dufy and legar.

the ever-present photographers were constantly preceding the group, snapping pictures as they went.

in the american rooms, they asked gronchi to pose in front of a picture of george washington, first president of the united states, known as +the father of his country.+ gronchi smilingly declined and murmured that such a pose would be +pretentious+ on his part.

the president recognized many of the paintings and most of the artists as the group approached the various collections. shown a group of new acquisitions of the kress collection, which will not go on public display until march 17, gronchi particularly admired a titian portrait of doge andrea gritti, which he said was one of his favorites.

signora gronchi lagged behind the party, usually reluctant to leave each of the collections.

shortly before the group prepared to leave, she decided she would remain for a more detailed tour with gallery officials.

she was dressed in a black taffeta suit, a black velvet hat with white ermine tail. she had come prepared for sightseeing in lowheeled black walking shoes.

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Intlx one (ro)

new york, feb. 28--(up)--the italian-language daily il progresso italo-americano gave italy's visiting president a double-deck eight-column banner headline and a full-column editorial of welcome today.

the headline said: +gronchi promette piu profonde ed estese relazioni tra s.u. ed italia.+

the editorial said in part:

+e noto che la repubblica italiana e una repubblica parlamentare, la cui costituzione da al presidente poteri limitati. cio non significa, pero, che la personalita del capo dello stato sia puramente decorativa, per rappresentare la nazione nelle cerimonie ufficiali e compiere funzioni, che raramente esorbitano gli atti di semplice amministrazione.

+uno dei suoi principali obiettivi, ai quali tende il presidente gronchi, e quello di portare la repubblica in mezzo al popolo, di mostrarsi sempre presente nella vita nazionale e di esercitare linfluenza che gli e consentita nella politica interna ed estera del paese...

cordiale, espansivo e di tratto affascinante, il presidente gronchi, nelle sue continue visite alle varie regioni, nei suoi interventi alle funzioni ufficiali, ha voluto sempra conferire ai suoi interventi una certa cornice di dignita non gia per dare importanza alla sua persona, ma per mettere al dovuto livello di rispetto laltissima carica che rappresenta.

+anche le sue idee sulla cosi detta tendenza di +apertura a sinistra+ sono state travisate e contorte dai costruttori di ragnatele, che purtroppo non mancano in tutti i partiti. egli non ha mai abiurato alla sua fede anti-comunista e se visualizza l'opportunita di una partecipazione dei nenniani al governo, cio se potrebbe verificare solamente dopo una netta rottura del patto di alleanza che li lega al partito comunista e con la piena accettazione del programma che si propone di svolgere la giovane repubblica italiana. il presidente gronchi e una delle figure piu eminenti della nazione e il credito che egli meritatamente gode, deriva dalla fiducia che egli ha ispirato nel popolo, del quale si e rivelato un ispirato interprete e uno strenuo difensore.+

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tlx-ln3 (rome)

washington, feb. 28--(up)--the white house statement on the talks this morning between president eisenhower and italian president giovanni gronchi:

the president of the united states and the president of the republic of italy had a cordial and interesting exchange of views on various subjects. particularly they discussed participation of both countries in the north atlantic treaty organization. both expressed their full and unqualified support of the north atlantic treaty organization and explored means of strengthening the solidarity of that organization and its members in the political, economic, and psychological fields as well as in the military fields.

the president of the italian republic emphasized again his firm support of european unification.

the president of the united states expressed his appreciation to the president of the italian republic for the italian nations unswerving devotion to the cause of liberty and individual freedom. the president also praised the important role italy has always played as a charter member of the north atlantic treaty organization.

if further official meetings prove to be desirable, both presidents agreed that they should be held.

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tlx-ln6 (ro)

with gronchi)

washington, feb. 28--(up)--the texts of the remarks by president giovanni gronchi and president eisenhower during the ceremony in which the italian chief executive presented to the american chief executive a gift of a bronze replica of the statue +the discus thrower+:

gronchi's remarks:

mr. president, it is an honor for me to present to you on behalf of the italian people this statue which reproduces one of the most famous masterpieces of the antiquity. this presentation has the purpose of expressing our gratitude to the people of the u.s. for the restitution of the works of art which were removed from italy during world war ii.

this restitution has been made possible by the understanding and the interest of the u.s. and has been an accomplishment of inestimable significance for the restoration of the italian artistic wealth in its integrity.

probably not everybody is aware of the importance of such restitutions. they included the treasures of the national museum of naples, which contained the celebrated paintings of the farnese collection and the superb collection of ancient gold works of herculanum and pompeii: the treasures of the uffizi and pittis galleries, of the churches and convents of tuscany together with numerous privately owned works which still are in italy, a living part of its history since they belong still often to descendants of families which committed them directly to the great masters of the renaissance.

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add statue texts washington x x x renaissance.

+these works were returned to italy thanks to the efforts of men motivated by a sense of right as well as by love of culture, who had been entrusted by the american government with the difficult and delicate task of such restitution and who, in the performance of their task gave constant evidence both of their great love for italy and of their deep respect for the most sacred principles of law and international life. among those who exerted themselves the most in this task collaborating with the chiefs of the italian restitution mission, rodolfe siviero, i wish to mention general lucius clay, mr. robert murphy, and mr. richard howard. the german democratic government itself cooperated in a cordial and friendly spirit in that noble task

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tlx fk 9 (ro)

third statue texts washington x x x task.

+mr. president, in renewing to you an expression of the deep appreciation of the italian people, i wish to add that i am particularly pleased of having been able to hand over this statue to you, for the american people, during my present journey in the united states which promises to bring a new reaffirmation of the strong ties and the deep friendship which unite our two nations.+ (end interpretation of gronchi's remarks).

president eisenhower replied:

+mr. president, i am particularly happy to act as the agent of the american people in receiving from your hands, on behalf of the italian people, this replica of the art of antiquity, together with objects which you did not mention -- the column and the beautiful capital on top of it that i see just outside the enclosure.

+i assure you that all america will be extremely gratified by your action, not only because of their interest in ancient art, and in modern art, but because of their understanding that this gift comes from the affection and the sense of relationship on the part of the italian people to our own. as you know we have many millions of citizens of italian derivation. they will be, i think, extremely proud that you brought this gift to our people, and all the rest of us will take a tremendous satisfaction that it has been handed over in the hands of one who is a militant leader for democracy and human values in this world of today. thank you very much+.

end texts

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tlx 10 (ro

(with gronchi)

washington, feb 28--(up)--president eisenhower today presented to italian president giovanni gronchi a large crystal bowl made especially for the occasion by the famed steuben glass works of corning, new york. the foot-high bowl contained the u.s. seal in commemoration of the italian president's visit.

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tlx 11 (ro) (with gronchi)

washington, feb 28--(up)--signora gronchi, wife of the italian president, received today from the american red cross a check for dlr 20,000 symbolizing the assistance given by the american people to the italian sufferers in the recent cold wave.

mrs. gronchi received the check from ambassador ellsworth bunker president of the american red cross. mrs. gronchi visited the red cross headquarters while the president was in conference at the white house.

she expressed thanks +not only in the name of the italian committee for the red cross but also for all the people of italy.

+the united states has already in the past shown its reapiness to come to the aid of italy in any circumstance+, she said.

+this latest confirmation of american altruism is a further proof of the solidarity which tightens and cements the bonds existing between our two nations. this is a solidarity which is not expressed only in diplomatic documents but which finds a resounding echo in the hearts of italians as in the hearts of americans. this is, i am sure, the most solid and indestructable basis for our warm friendship+.

mrs. gronchi also spoke of bunker's past service as ambassador to rome and said italians still remember him with affection. mrs. gronchi is president of the women's committee of the italian red cross,

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tlx-ln8 (ro)

san francisco, feb. 28--(up)--mayor george christopher announced today that he will proclaim march 7, 8 and 9 as +republic of italy days+ in san francisco in honor of the visit of president giovanni gronchi of italy.

gronchi is scheduled to arrive here on the evening of march 7 and will leave march 9.

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tlx-ln12 (ro)

jacksonville, florida, feb. 28--(up)--the florida times -union said in an editorial today about gronchi's scheduled address to congress:

+the high honor of addressing the members of congress in a joint session is one that is accorded to only a few of our countrys friends from overseas. the fact that it is not a routine feature of a state visit was evident earlier this month when britains prime minister sir anthony eden had to address the senate and the house of representatives separately... unlike his predecessors, the new italian president is recognized as an influential figure in the formation of government policy and in the political proceedings of the italian parliament.

+perhaps the most important reason for congressional favor toward president gronchi may be the fact that he reflects the current success of american policy in italy. the new italian president has been regarded as something of a political weathervane in his country, and it is therefore significant that he has chosen to visit the united states while ignoring repeated invitations to visit moscow. the anti-communist breeze that seems to be blowing in italy is an encouraging reversal of what has seemed in the postwar years to be an irresistible communist gale blowing over the mediterranean land.+

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ln289 bulletin

first night lead gronchi.

by norman j. montellier.

washington, feb 28--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy and president eisenhower agreed tonight to hold a second one-hour conference thursday at 1330 gmt.

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ln 2 rush

add first night lead gronchi washington x x x gmt.

the italian group was +greatly pleased+ by the white house confirmation of the additional presidential conference during which gronchi hopes to go into more detail on his views about the need for expansion of economic cooperation within the atlantic community.

at the same time, secretary of state john foster dulles fixed a thursday appointment with italian foreign minister gaetano martino at 2130 gmt at the state department. martino hoped to press italian views on specific policy problems, such as italy's role in the mediterranean in view of the soviet economic aid offensive in the middle east.

both the italian statesmen planned to take the opportunity to develop italian-united states discussions on economic questions such as greater american private capital investment in italy and the expectation of the direct u.s. encouragement for such long-range programs as the vanoni plan for the expansion of italian production.

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third 1st nightlead gronchi washington x x production.

the thursday morning white house meeting will come just before gronchi makes an official visit to mount vernon in neighboring virginia, the home of george washington. gronchi will deposit a wreath on washington's tomb.

gronchi's desire for an additional conference with eisenhower was made known before dulles told a press conference today that while he favored expanded economic cooperation in the atlantic community, he did not believe nato was the best organ for it. gronchi and martino have urged this economic development as a vital necessity for european stability and peace, especially now in the face of changed soviet policy.

but during his first meeting with eisenhower, gronchi did not limit envisioned economic programs to the much-discussed article two of the atlantic treaty. article two, in fact, was not even mentioned. he discussed the issue in the broader terms of the +western community+. in that respect his views seemed to be in no direct conflict with those of dulles, especially since both support the idea of broad european integration as essential for european stability.

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In 14 rush--(release 0200 gmt) (ro)

washington, feb. 29--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy saluted the united states last night with the following toast at the state dinner given by vice president richard m. nixon.

+it is for me a deep joy to address these words to you, and through you, to the united states government and to the american nation. first of all, i wish to express my thanks for the welcome extended to me upon my arrival on american soil and during the first stage of my visit, which started yesterday, in the united states.

+but my words would only express a part of my thought if i would not add that i feel sure that my visit is a symbol also of the long and close friendship between italy and the united states which is strengthened today by sincere political, economic and military cooperation for the defense of freedom and peace.

+during the trying days of our fight for liberation, and when we faced, with hard work and determination, the problems of our reconstruction, during our economic and political recovery, as well as during our restoration, through stages, to our place in the international family of nations, america has been on our side, with aid and understanding.

+this we cannot forget, just as we cannot forget the democratic ideals which we share and by which our two countries are inspired, and our common faith in free institutions and in the nobility of work.

+in this age of political, social, economic and tormented spiritual changes, an age which is dominated by the fears, but also by the hopes, of the atomic discoveries, we feel that there is a unique, deep-rooted, irreplaceable asset: that is the heritage of a common christian civilization, based upon ideals of humanity freedom and justice which we intend--together--to uphold and strengthen.

more/or 0103

In 15 (ro)

add gronchi toast (release 0200 gmt) washington x x x x strengthen

+we want to uphold and protect this heritage, because we believe that it will assure a better world for us. in this task we italians feel very close to this great american democracy, in whose image we recognize and admire the power and will to progress. we look at your country as to a strong partner, united with us in an effort for the consolidation of a free society and of a community based on peace.

+with these wishes, mr. vice president, and with my wishes for the ever-increasing prosperity and good fortune of the united states, i raise my glass to the health of the president of the united states and to the well-being of the american nation+.

br 0113

In 36 rush (ro) (with gronchi)

washington, feb. 29--(up)--vice-president richard m. nixon entertained president giovanni gronchi of italy and his official party at a gala state dinner last night at the pan american union building.

there were 74 guests at the dinner which was the second official banquet in gronchi's honor. he was the guest of president eisenhower earlier yesterday for a formal luncheon.

guests at the nixon dinner included the official members of gronchi's party from rome, as well as ambassador and signora manlio brozio and minister and signora egidio ortona of the italian embassy.

other guests included treasury secretary and mrs. hubert humphrey, sen. and mrs. h. alexander smith, sen. william f. knowland, sen. and mrs. john j. sparkman, rep. joseph w. martin, jr., rep. and mrs. winston l. prouty, rep. and mrs. armistead i. selden, jr., state department under-secretary herbert hoover jr., and mrs. hoover, admiral and mrs. arthur w. radford, central intelligence agency (cia) director and mrs. allen w. dulles, ambassador and mrs. loy w. henderson, state department counselor and mrs. douglas macarthur, u.s. protocol chief ambassador john f. simmons and mrs. simmons.

others included: roswell b. perkins, assistant secretary for health, education and welfare and mrs. perkins- assistant secretary of state and mrs. carl mccardle, international bank president and mrs. eugene r. black, ambassador clare boothe luce and her husband, time-life publisher henry luce, washington, d.c. commissioner and mrs. samuel spencer, acting assistant secretary of state for european affairs and mrs. c. burke elbrick, john wesley jones of the office of western european affairs and mrs. jones, protocol officer victor purse and mrs. purse, state department aide and mrs. clemen conger, former ambassador to italy ellsworth bunker, david e. finley of the national gallery of art and washington commission of fine arts and mrs. finley, dr. and mrs. arnold hutschnecker mrs. nicholas longworth, thomas b. mccabe of the u.s. bureau of mines and mrs. mccabe, afl-cio president george meany and mrs. meany, washington board of trade director edgar morris and rear-admiral roscoe h. hillenkoetter, u.s. aide to the visiting president.

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In 42 rush (ro)

add dinner washington x x x president.

the white-tie dinner was a glittering social affair and was preceded by a 45-minute cocktail period during which the president had an opportunity to chat freely with many of the guests.

the luncheon at the white house earlier yesterday was regarded by washington newspapers as a major social event and the washington star reported that the arrival of gronchi was the main topic of discussion at social affairs monday night.

+mrs. john foster dulles said how sorry she was not to have been on hand to greet the visitors+, the star's social reporter, selwa roosevelt, reported. +it seems that their arrival an hour late threw a complete snafu into mrs. dulles' schedule and she was unable to cancel a previous engagement for the later hour+.

the white house luncheon featured the u.s. marine band playing background music in the state dining room. the table centerpiece was a gold plateau holding three arrangements of flowers-- yellow jonquils, yellow acacia, blue iris and forsythia. the gold table service which mrs. eisenhower had ordered only recently was used for the lunch.

in the center area of the horseshoe table was a water fountain banked with spring flowers.

the washington news headlined over a page of photographs of gronchi, +italy's president gets the red carpet+.

evelyn peyton gordon, society columnist of the news, said that +there was great excitement in town yesterday as lunchtime crowds lined our streets hoping for a glimpse of italy's president+. she referred to the welcome given the +good-looking, grey-haired president+ as a +most warming reception+.

br 0243

In 55 rush (ro)

afternoon lead gronchi.

by norman j. montellier.

washington, feb. 29--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi will carry his appeal for greater economic cooperation of western allies to the united states congress and people today in an address to a joint session of the senate and house of representatives.

his speech before congress at 1730gmt will be a major feature of his visit here.

the president's day begins at 1500gmt when he receives george meany, president of the afl-cio, which represents more than 15,000,000 american workers. meany has for years been active in directing the afls foreign policy program which seeks to influence u.s. government and congressional thinking on international affairs.

the afl has long maintained offices around the world to work closely with various national federations and promote closer understanding with american labor unions.

while gronchi meets meany, foreign minister gaetano martino will hold a press conference at 1415 gmt at blair house.

(more) 0335les

In 56 add afternoon lead gronchi washington xxx house.

at 1945 gronchi will visit the library of congress where librarian quincy mumford and other officials will escort him on a tour of the building which houses more than 6,000,000 books, 1,500,000 geographic maps, 1,150,000 volumes of music and more than 1,000,000 bound volumes of newspapers. gronchi will present a special edition of an italian book to the library.

at 1630 gmt gronchi will visit the supreme court building, a 21-year-old building in the style of a roman temple. at 1715 gmt he will visit vice-president richard m. nixon at the capitol, where nixon serves as president of the senate. the capitol boasts many works of art by italian artists, including bas reliefs by antonio capellano and enrico caisici and paintings and decorations by luigi persico. the frescos around the great rotunda under the central dome are the work of constantino brumidi and filippo costaggini. brumidi's work is also seen in many rooms of the senate building.

gronchi's speech at 1730 gmt will be followed by lunch at 1830 with the speaker of the house sam rayburn and joseph martin, minority leader of the house, as co-hosts.

(more later) 0339les

In 66 (ro)

third afternoon lead gronchi washington xx co-hosts.

also present at the lunch will be representatives james p. richard, robert p. chipperfield and albert romano, members of the foreign affairs committee, john w mccormack of the government operations committee.

during this lunch, signora gronchi will be the guest of honor at a luncheon given by david e. finley, president of the committee for the conservation of historic monuments, and mrs. finley, at the home of george washington's niece. the estate, woodlawn plantation, was given by washington to nelly custis as a wedding gift and is today a national monument.

at 2130 gmt gronchi will receive heads of the diplomatic missions in washington at the italian embassy. this will be followed between 2200 and 2330 by a reception in honor of the president to be attended by leading business, professional and social figures of washington.

at 0100gmt, the president will be guest of secretary dulles at anderson house, the seat of the +society of cincinnati,+ an order formed by officials of the revolutionary army in 1783.

(more) 0448les

ln 67 (ro)

fourth gronchi washington xxx 1783.

major interest centered on gronchi congressional address, when he will have a rare opportunity to catch the ear of senators and representatives already deeply immersed in controversy over the administrations foreign policy.

gronchi had just completed his conference with eisenhower tuesday and outlined his views about the need for expanding the atlantic communitys economic cooperation when dulles told a press conference that he agreed with the necessity for greater economic efforts in the western alliance but that he did not not consider nato the best instrument for it.

while the positions of gronchi and dulles appeared to be directly opposed, gronchis views embraced a broader plane than merely implementing article two of the nato pact. he envisioned greater economic cooperation through a variety of western treaties and through european integration as well.

dulles himself favored using the organization for european economic cooperation (oeeo) as the means of achieving this increased economic effort. gronchi still believes, however, that nato itself should turn from its totally military concentration to the political, economic and social sphere as part of a general western realignment. dulles does not seem to agree.

(more) 0451les

ln 68 (ro)

fifth afternoon lead gronchi washington xx to agree.

gronchi will go into this apparent conflict of views with eisenhower at their second conference thursday morning while martino will have a chance for a face-to-face discussion about it with dulles thursday afternoon.

the question of just how u.s. aid to its allies will continue is one that has split congress. eisenhower early this year proposed a long-range program of u.s. commitments which would enable european and other allies to better plan their own economic cooperation. but he also asked for an increase in foreign aid which drew such sharp opposition that it was made known the administration would not press for a showdown on long-term deals in order not to jeopardize the next years actual foreign aid.

then last weekend dulles reiterated that he will make a full-scale fight for long-term commitments. sen. walter george, the georgia democrat who is regarded as one of the men with the greatest influence on eisenhower because of his long experience and record for wise judgments, first opposed any form of long-term agreements but this week said he would consider backing +specific+ projects on such a basis -- but not any general plans.

(more) 0456les

ln 69 (ro)

sixth afternoon lead gronchi washington x x x x plans.

the soviet economic-aid offensive in the middle east and asia complicated matters and embroiled dulles in a dispute with congress over all his foreign policy. gronchi's arrival here thus coincided with a peculiarly tense period insofar as foreign aid matters are concerned.

but the italian position, regarded by washington political observers as sound and well-reasoned, is receiving attention and eisenhower is in agreement with the general aims of gronchi. dulles appears to share this view.

at this stage in u.s. politics, with the 1956 general elections electrifying congressional partisan reactions to almost every administration move or statement, dulles is particularly vulnerable for attack and foreign aid is an item most politicians attack freely in an election year when they are acutely conscious of the need to please voters by striving for a tax reduction instead of more expenditures.

one commentator said today of this situation: +the world seems to be regularly 'lost' in january but is always regained in june when congress votes billions of foreign aid to allies+.

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ln 70 (ro)

seventh afternoon lead gronchi washington x x x to allies+.

dulles view of nato is that it was designed as a military weapon to deter communist expansion, that it has achieved its goal and that it should not be weakened by switching its concentration to other fields. in this respect a phrase from his weekend speech on foreign policy illustrates his concern for nato's continuance as a military instrument.

he said: +communist military power has now been checked by the cohesion, resolution, vigilance and strength of the free nations. they (the communists) came up against the granite of a declared and strong resolve. if that granite should turn into putty, then violence and threat of war would again become the order of the day+.

the gronchi efforts to achieve wider economic cooperation in the western alliance also coincide with french suggestions for u.s. moves to improve the economic and social standards of north africa in order to ease tension there and reduce the worry about communist infiltration. french resources do not allow the type of vast program which would be needed and u.s. aid would be essential for such a move.

br 0513

ln 84 rush -- with gronchi (ro)

washington, feb. 29--(up)--giuseppe alessi, president of the regional government of sicily, has been invited to washington as an official guest of the u.s. government in april, it was announced yesterday.

alberto m. bagnasco, personal representative of alessi and now here as a member of italian president giovanni gronchi's party, said alessi would hold high-level talks with u.s. officials industrial leaders.

alessi is a strong supporter of gronchi's program for developing southern italy and solving the unemployment problem. bagnasco said alessi will discuss here sicily's five-year plan for economic and social development. the plan, he said, includes liberal financial measures to attract u.s. and other foreign investment capital.

br 0624

ln 90 rush -- 1st lead gronchi (ro)

(release 1700 gmt)

by norman j. montellier.

washington, feb. 29--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi appealed to the united states today to lead a bold and imaginative program of western cooperation to win the east-west +competition of ideologies and economic assistance+.

speaking to a joint session of congress, the dynamic italian chief of state urged the u.s. to move away from +emergency measures+ built on military power and toward a political, economic and social +reorganization of the western world+.

+economic cooperation, in an age like ours+, he said, +is not a burden or a mere act of generosity from one country to another. it is a policy consonant with the interest of each and all concerned+.

between western democracy and the marxist-leninist expansionism the choice must be made by proving with deeds the superiority of western concepts, he told the assembled senate and house of representatives.

in vigorous words he drove home the point that +no people, even the richest+ can be prosperous for long if there are many nations burdened by poverty and starvation or injustice or uncertainties about the future.

more/br 0657

ln 91 (ro)

add 1st lead gronchi, washington (hfr) x x x x future.

gronchi put his opinions before congress in forthright words that pleased many senators and representatives who have been demanding that the eisenhower administration adopt similar measures without delay in order to uphold u.s. prestige in the face of the new soviet economic-aid offensive.

gronchi made these points:

1. the world now faces a +disquieting phase of confusion in ideas and political orientations and consequently of greater potential danger. it is sufficient in this context to look at north africa and the middle east, and to listen perceptively to the rumblings which come from the remainder of asia.+

2. +competitive coexistence+ impinges on the specific interests of each people and thus acquires a deeper meaning in which the basic conceptions of east and west -- +democracy through freedom -- or the so-called people's democracy, that is marxist-leninist+ -- are thrust into a vital conflict all over the world.

3. the atlantic pact and other alliances removed the danger of armed aggression and are still important but should be brought into line with today's realities, when the military imbalance has been removed and there have been so many changes of situation...+

(more) et 0706

ln 92 third 1st lead gronchi, washington (hfr) x x x x situation...+

4. military cooperation should be supplemented with new and imaginative forms of cooperation+ because the world realizes that +no person, nation or group of nations can consider without anxiety and anguish the prospects of a world where peace is based solely on military strength or on limited political alignments.+ what is needed is a +move away from a climate of emergency measures+ and more permanent arrangements for cooperation.

5. cooperation should be extended to the political, social and economic areas, through a +better coordination+ of such organizations as the organization for european economic cooperation (oeeec), european steel and coal community, western european union, and the council of europe, and a better integrated functioning of nato itself.

6. nato's article two should be considered in the light of possibly bringing +to life+ the spirit which was +meant to give to the military pact the wider and deeper connotation of a community of peoples.+

gronchi stressed that all this is not an american responsibility alone, but, classifying the need +for reorganization of the western world as the central problem of the day,+ he said the european nations and united nations should play a forceful role in this move.

(more) et 0710

ln 93 fourth 1st lead gronchi, washington (hfr) x x x x move.

the imperative thing, he said is to face the problem
+without delay.

+i am convinced,+ he said, +that in the new competition of ideologies and economic assistance we cannot hope for the success of our democratic conception unless this gives concrete and factual evidence of its superiority by bringing to bear the will-power and the means which, through appropriate action, can remove injustice and positions of inferiority within each national structure and internationally.+

it is economic cooperation that italy herself needs most, he said, not as a pauper but as a +customer of good moral and financial standing+ approaching a financial institution for support in +profitable and secure joint ventures or other participations.+

the need of italy -- and many other nations -- he said, is that "through mutual agreements at the international level, closer economic cooperation be removed from the stratosphere of science and high principles and brought down to earth.+

gronchi gave a characteristically frank warning to congress of just what the current world situation means to many nations fighting critical economic struggles.

(more) et 1713

ln 94 fifth 1st lead gronchi washington (hfr) x x x x struggles.

+a poor country or a country beset with difficulties and uncertainties is a danger to all others, on both counts -- that is domestic weakness and inability to protect itself against external dangers,+ gronchi said. +i can say that no people, not even the richest in resources and creative power, can be durably prosperous if there are many nations which are unhappy and restless because of the hardships of poverty and starvation, of the burden of injustice and because of the uncertainty of their immediate future.+

his appeal for new western cooperative efforts to demonstrate their democratic power to improve conditions for all people was based on +a spirit of mutual trust and faith,+ he said.

+our destiny as individuals, in our family, social or political life, is safe and free only in a democracy which draws its principles from the christian tradition. after the historical experiences of eastern europe, what would be our anxiety if this type of democracy should disappear or even should yield to some degree. we all are firmly convinced of this fact.+

italy's democratic stability +is not in danger+ he declared and her democratic political parties realize their responsibility for strengthening free institutions.

(more) et 0717

ln 96 sixth 1st lead gronchi washington (hfr) x x x x
institutions.

italy, he said, +knows that freedom becomes a sham and a
privilege for those who are already strong, unless it means to every
man and woman freedom from the hardships of poverty and
starvation.+

it is italy's goal, he said, to succeed in winning over
+certain large segments of our people+ who are hostile or diffident
toward the authority of the state through measures of +progress and
justice.+ for these reasons, her views on western policy are now
centered on the broader forms of cooperation he outlined.

gronchi paid tribute to american aid to italy and acknowledged
frankly that +there may have been mistakes+ in some utilization of
the aid. but, he continued, the decade just ended showed that the
italian economy had +a large plus balance+ and congress could
therefore report to the american people +that the aid given to italy
was not an unproductive expenditure.+

et 0722

ln 71 (ro) (release at 1700 gmt wednesday, feb. 29)

washington, feb. 29--(up)--the highlights of the speech by
president giovanni gronchi of italy before a joint session of congress
today:

+...it should be recognized that, despite hopes and patient and
generous endeavors, the world is not more secure today than it was
one or two years ago., in fact, we are going through a disquieting
phase of confusion in ideas and political orientation and
consequently of greater potential danger. it is sufficient in this
context to look at north africa and the middle east, and to listen
perceptively to the rumblings which comes from the remainder of asia.

+it is true that, it would appear, we have moved from a war, a
cold war but still a war, to a more peaceful competition, which
impinges strongly upon the specific interests of each people, such
as the development of national independence and the adjustment of
the social structure. by becoming tinged with these features, such
competition encompasses wider horizons and acquires every day
a deeper meaning. two basic conceptions face each other throughout
the greatest part of the world... the western brand of democracy--
democracy through freedom-- or the s-called people's democracy--
marxist-leninist+.

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ln 82 rush (ro)

add gronchi highlights (hfr) washington x x x leninist+.

+...against this ferment which is spreading among the people of all continents, we can safeguard our ancient civilization only through an effort that will unfold and display its fuller meaning... we have to reinforce the solidarity of the people who share those ideals and are striving to fulfill their ends. this solidarity exists since the day of the signature of the atlantic pact among many western nations, including the united states and canada.

+the atlantic pact, as conceived and operated thus far, was appropriate and sufficient so long as there was the fear of imminent armed aggression, intensified by an imbalance of strength between the two sides. it is an historical truth that the pact removed that danger and created the possibility of experimenting with attempts at solutions very different from those of the past.

+however, it should be brought into line with today's realities, when the military imbalance has been reduced and there have been so many changes of situation in many parts of the world.

+military cooperation continues to be very important today, but it should be supplemented with new and imaginative forms of cooperation.

more/br 0616

ln 89 rush (ro)

third gronchi highlights (hfr) washington x x x cooperation.

+this is necessary not only to move away from a climate of emergency measures and to enter into a phase characterized by more complex and permanent arrangements, but chiefly because we all realize that no person, nation or group of nations can consider without anxiety and anguish the prospects of a world where peace is based solely on military strength or on limited political alignments.

+today especially when nuclear weapons have reached so fearful developments, which will be intensified in the future, it is essential that while an efficient military strength is maintained, every effort be made to reduce the danger of war, so that gradually the employment of force may be no longer required.

+it has been said authoritatively, and truthfully, that even an adequate collective defense system does not constitute a final solution but can only serve as a stage to go beyond the dangers of a balance-of-power approach, and to give a better foundation to peace...

+one might consider a better coordination of the existing organizations, organization for european economic cooperation, european steel and coal community, western european union, the council of europe, because the new methods of a more organic cooperation should range from the political to the social and economic areas.

+one might consider with more attention a better integrated functioning of nato, involving a wider and more frequent use of the atlantic council...

more/br 0648

ln104 rush (ro)

fourth gronchi highlights (hfr) washington x x x council.

+...within the framework of the nato pact one might consider, dispassionately, the possibility of bringing at last life into the spirit of article two, which right from the beginning was meant to give to the military pact the wider and deeper connotation of a community of peoples...the reorganization of the western world is the central problem of the day, which should be faced without delay...it is not only an american responsibility.

+the european nations of strasbourg must contribute their part, by setting into motion the process of integration... the united nations, with their great organization, ought to give a more effective, continuous, impartial and harmonious content to their task, which is charged with so great political and human significance.

+i am convinced that in the new competition of ideologies and economic assistance we cannot hope for the success of our democratic conception unless this gives concrete and factual evidence of its superiority by bringing to bear the will-power and the means which through appropriate action, can remove injustice and positions of inferiority within each national structure and internationally.

+italy wants to participate -- within the limitations set by her resources and to the full extent of her commitments -- in this work of redemption...+

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gm0806

ln105 rush (ro)

fifth gronchi highlights (hfr) washington x x x redemption...+

+...the most significant and substantive italian contribution to the common cause is that of having strengthened its internal structure, having restored democratic institutions and, with them, the authority of the state, having overcome the disruptive economic and social effects that are typical of all post-war periods, having increased all-round production and having improved the living conditions of the working classes, especially in southern italy...

+the 10-year period which has just ended for the italian economy closed with a large plus balance. consequently this congress can tell the american people with satisfaction that the aid given to italy was not an unproductive expenditure... italy can be compared to a working concern, well under way, which, however, has inadequate capital resources, falling short of what would be required to expand its physical plant and to improve its organization and its equipment...

+...italy does not hope and does not ask sacrifices from others and free advantages for her...she is anxious to be considered in the same light as a customer of good moral and financial standing... approaching a financial institution in order to enlist its interest in profitable and secure joint ventures or other participations...

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gm0810

ln106 rush (ro)

sixth gronchi highlights (hfr) washington participations...

+...italy's great need is that, through mutual agreements at the international level, closer economic cooperation be removed from the stratosphere of science and high principles and brought down to earth.

+economic cooperation, in an age like ours, is not a burden or a mere act of generosity from one country to another, it is a policy consonant with the interest of each and all concerned.

a poor country or a country beset with difficulties and uncertainties is a danger to all others, on both counts-- that is domestic weakness and inability to protect itself against external dangers.

+i can say that no people, even the richest in resources and creative power, can be durably prosperous if there are many nations which are unhappy and restless because of the hardships of poverty and starvation, of the burden of injustice, and because of the uncertainty of their immediate future...

+it is therefore in the name of a mutual interest that i appeal here to you for closer and uninterrupted cooperation, carried on in a spirit of mutual trust and faith...+

(end extracts)

gm0814

ln191 bulletin'''' (ro)

washington, feb. 29--(up)--president eisenhower, at his news conference today, said that he was deeply gratified at the visit to this country of italian president giovanni gronchi and his wife.

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ln196 (ro)

add ike gronchi washington xxx wife.

president eisenhower said that gronchi's visit to washington so early in his administration was evidence of the italian leaders great interest in the western alliance and the activities of the free nations.

eisenhower noted that it was the first time that a chief of state of italy had visited the united states. the president added that gronchi's visit should be especially gratifying to the many millions of people of italian extraction who live in the u.s. eisenhower said that as far as he personally was concerned, the visit was a source of great gratification.

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sg1620

ln204 third ike gronchi washington xxx gratification

eisenhower said that he hopes wherever gronchi and his wife visit they will experience the warm feeling and respect which is due italy as a great member of the western alliance.

the president's tribute to gronchi was heard by 311 reporters who had jammed the treaty room in the old state department building to hear the president make his historic announcement that he would be available for a second term if the republican party and the american people wanted him.

sg1638

ln213 night lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

washington feb 29--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy urged the u.s. congress today to launch a new western economic offensive to meet soviet tactics and planned a final personal appeal to president eisenhower to lead such a bold and imaginative program.

gronchi meets eisenhower for the second time tomorrow at 1430 gmt at the white house. in their one-hour conference which secretary of state john foster dulles will attend, gronchi will expand his arguments on the need for vigorous western economic cooperation to strengthen the atlantic community. he will also deal with italy's situation in the mediterranean in view of the middle east unrest and specific matters of italian-u.s. relations, such as the need for u.s. capital investments to support italy's long-range development programs.

more jc1705

ln214 add night lead gronchi washington x x x programs

foreign minister gaetano martino told a press conference today he would go into the same matters more fully with dulles tonight and again tomorrow afternoon.

martino said that +we are very much satisfied by the way the visit is going. the first talk president gronchi had with president eisenhower was a very satisfactory one. i know president gronchi was also impressed by the hearty welcome he has received here, especially the great cordiality shown him by mr. eisenhower and mr. nixon.+

martino said there was no conflict of views between the italian position on the need for expanded economic cooperation and the dulles statement yesterday that nato was not the best organ for such a project. martino said that gronchi and the italian government were in agreement with dulles that the office of european economic cooperation (oee) was the best instrument for pure economic collaboration. he noted that dulles had already approved the nato council's december resolution calling for implementation of nato's article two to improve political, economic, social and psychological forms of cooperation among the atlantic allies.

jc1708

ln277 third nightlead gronchi washington xxx allies

martino said, +the italian government is very anxious to know and president gronchi is fully informed about it, how much the u.s. is prepared to support the efforts of europe toward integration. we have looked at european unity as the best means of getting a real defense system against possible danger to our liberty and freedom.

+we have not been able until now to really achieve integration in the political or economic field. the recent messina conference of members of the steel and coal community was a step forward after the fall of edc.+

on euratom, he said:

+we believe that it will be very difficult for the six european nations in this program to have an efficient pooling of atomic energy without substantial and real aid from the u.s.+

martino said there are countries in europe who do not favor european integration, such as great britain and the scandinavian states.

+as for euratom, we also need substantial and concrete u.s. aid, otherwise the six european countries will not be in a condition to realize an efficient pool of atomic energy+.

sg2052

up 347 (with gronchi) (ro)

washington, feb. 29--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi's third day in washington might as well have been +italy's day+.

not only was the gronchi visit featured in washington newspapers but italian film star anna magnani was acclaimed by local critics for her movie performance in +the rose tattoo+ and proclaimed +an absolutely certain oscar winner+. and to top things off, an italian artist made page one news by restoring a valued el greco painting and discovering that some prudish artist had painted drapery over two nudes in the famed +laocoon+.

miss magnani's new movie opened here last night and washington post critic richard l. coe wrote:

+her performance is the feminine acting job of the year-- head, shoulders and ankles over any other. if it doesn't take the top oscar, italy should declare war on hollywood. here, in fact, is the truest acting hollywood's cameras have caught in many a long year.

more/br 2353

up 348 add italian art washington x x x year.

+not since garbo has been an american film with so complete an actress...here is a real star at work, a warm-blooded, exuberant woman...brava. bravissima, signorina anna. and let there be no nonsense about this oscar business. if this star doesn't get it, there'll be a very hollow sound heard around the globe+.

at the national gallery of art, visited yesterday by gronchi, italian-born curator mario modesini made big news with his discovery that an unknown 19th century artist had painted clothes on nudes in el greco's great work. modestini learned his craft at 14 from his father, an expert in the restoration of ptychome sculpture. the italian expert served as restorer in the sao paulo, brazil, museum of art, before coming to washington five years ago to take charge of the 1500-piece samuel kress collection here.

more/br 2357

up 352

third art washington xxx here.

gronchi was able to get a first-hand report on modestini's discovery from the artist and before the news was made public. modestini found the changes in the el greco work when he began cleaning away three centuries of dirt and varnish.

+it was very strong pigment, well attached to the canvas and there were, i would say, about 15 or 20 coats of varnish,+ modestini said.

he studied the painting for two weeks in the kress laboratory where dollars 500,00 worth of x-rays, fluoroscopic, ultra-violet and infra-red equipment and powerful microscopes enable him to do the most painstaking work.

+one day i was cleaning and i noticed flesh tints in the sky between the heads of the two figures on the right. little by little a head began to come up. i guess the paint was about 100 or 150 years old. the microscopes showed that it had been laid over the original varnish that el greco used.+

modestini said his restoration showed that el greco never finished the painting.

more evs2350

up (ro)

fourth art washington xxx painting

the dollars 800,000 painting was returned to public exhibition today after modestini's work was done. he called it +one of the more spectacular jobs i have done. no one has ever really seen this painting before.+

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evs2353.

up356 (ro)

fifth art washington xxx before.+

gronchi's schedule today took him on a sightseeing tour of the library of congress and the supreme court before he addressed congress.

at the library, gronchi presented to quincy mumford, the librarian, the first italian copy of +the federalist+, the collection of writings by early american statesmen-debating the formation of the united states. mumford gave gronchi, for the italian archives, a valuable 1941 edition of +i fiori di virtu+, a florentine work. which was among the library's 6,000,000 books.

gronchi and his party then went to the supreme court and visited its library before entering the private court chambers where chief justice earl warren received him and introduced him to all justices of the court. the party talked informally in the justices' conference room before the president was escorted into the roman-style chamber to witness the start of a regular supreme court session.

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evs2357.

up357

sixth art washington xxx session.

the square chamber is ringed by 32 marble columns with the justices entering through red velvet drapes hung between the columns at one end of the room.

gronchi was escorted to his seat and then an explosive gavel bang announced the entry of the justices as the court crier called out the archaic chant: +oyez, oyez, oyez+. all persons having business before the honorable, the supreme court of the united states, are advised to draw near and give attention for this court is now sitting. god save the united states and the supreme court.+

warren then leaned forward from his position in the center of the justices' bench and said:

+the court is pleased to recognize the presence of president gronchi, president of the italian republic, signora gronchi and their party.+

the court promptly began its business, swearing in nine attorneys admitted to practice before the court. the session was suspended momentarily while gronchi departed but the first case of the day, an argument over granting a radio station a federal licence, began as he walked from the hall.

pppom

ln30 rush (ro)

washington, march 1--(up)-- informed officials disclosed today that the world bank is considering financing certain projects to help the redevelopment program of south italy.. the bank already has loaned italy dollars 90.000,000 in connection with the program.

a highly qualified source told the united press that the bank is +looking forward+ to further financing if asked to do so.. it is presumed that italian president giovanni gronchi will ask for new loans when he meets with bank president eugene black at the blair house.

the informant said that the bank already is studying certain concrete projects in connection with the development program but did not say which they are or how much money is involved.

it is believed that bank officials have already made a thorough study of these projects in italy and that a decision on the financing will be made shortly.

evs2320.

ln34 (ro)

by norman j. montellier

washington, march 1--(up)-- italian president giovanni gronchi conferred for an hour last night with secretary of state john foster dulles and today meets again with president eisenhower to press his proposals for a bold new western program to offset the soviet economic-aid offensive.

gronchi and foreign minister gaetano martino met with dulles at 2359 gmt at anderson house where dulles was host at a gala state banquet at 0100 gmt. it was the first conference, with dulles since the italian party arrived since other engagements prevented the secretary of state from attending the earlier white house conference and lunch. dulles also was unable to attend yesterday's joint session of congress when gronchi scored a notable personal triumph with his forceful and frank presentation of his analysis of world matters.

gronchi and martino will meet eisenhower and dulles at the white house at 1400 gmt today. their talk is expected to last about one hour to enable gronchi to develop further his views about the vital need for concrete u.s. support of european integration efforts and the necessity for a new imaginative cooperation in the western alliance to win the struggle for competitive co-existence.

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evs0335.

i rz ln 36 rush (ro)

add gronchi washington x x x co-existence.

the italian party was greatly pleased by the praise showered on gronchi by senators and representatives after his speech to congress. most congressmen were impressed by the clarity of his argument and the fact that he had +not come here to speak the usual platitudes but to tell us frankly and plainly what he believes, in words that make sense.

the white house conference today forced gronchi to cancel his scheduled visit to mount vernon. the virginia home of george washington, first u.s. president. but signora gronchi will make the three-hour tour.

at 1800 gmt, gronchi will address the national press club, the most influential journalistic group in the world since leaders of all nations are regular guest speakers there. gronchi was expected to advance italy's call for greater recognition of her important strategic position in the western alliance and to reiterate his belief that military pacts alone were no longer the answer to the east-west conflict.

during the lunch hour, signora gronchi will be guest at a lunch offered by signora brosic at the italian embassy.

(more later)

br 0242

ln 67 rush (ro)

third gronchi washington x x x embassy.

at 1930 gmt, gronchi will visit the pentagon, the mammoth headquarters of the u.s. defense department, where he will receive an air force +briefing+ under the direction of general nathan f. twining, air force chief of staff. twining will deal with western air defenses.

at 2200 gmt, the women's national press club will give a reception in honor of signora gronchi in the main ballroom of the hotel mayflower.

martino will call at the state department at 2115 gmt for an hour-long talk with dulles in which he intends to go into details about euratom, bilateral italian-u.s. atomic energy agreements and european integration.

at 0100 gmt president and signora gronchi will entertain at dinner at the embassy in honor of vice-president and mrs. nixon.

more/br 0519

ln72

fourth gronchi washington xxx nixon

gronchi and martino will take full advantage of the final rounds of talks today before they leave friday for norfolk and then ottawa, to go into as much detail as possible on the question of the direction the atlantic community should now pursue to bulwark its military unity by economic cooperation.

the meetings with dulles will have a timely significance for the secretary of state conferred thursday with united nations secretary general dag hammaraskjold on middle east problems, a matter which interests italy keenly.

gronchi's view, as put forward here, is that the middle east is of direct concern to italy as a mediterranean power and that italy should be given a stronger voice in proportion to the international responsibilities she has so long upheld. the middle east, gronchi has told the u.s. leaders, is of direct concern to italy's defenses and italy's role as a stabilizing influence in the mediterranean should be fully considered in western planning.

in discussing economic cooperation, it was understood, the italian president has made clear that italy is not pressing for specific aid programs for herself or others at this time but is rather more interested in long-range planning.

more evs0542.

ln73

fifth gronchi washington xxx planning.

in this respect, gronchi's proposals have fitted in well with the current u.s. mood, even though congress and dulles are still at odds over foreign aid spending.

gronchi has been received in washington with a sense of intimacy helped immeasurably by his polished skill in delivering a speech which states facts, draws conclusions and shows a keen understanding of the complexity of the problems facing the west.

the daily news commented yesterday on gronchi's decisions not to reside in the majestic quirinal palace but in a family apartment. the news said: +the people of the republic of italy must be far more democratic than we in the united states. can you imagine the furore that would be raised if one of our presidents refused to live in the white house after inauguration.+

before the dulles dinner last night, gronchi and martino received washington's diplomatic corps, businessmen and industrial leaders and political officials at a two-hour reception. for that entire period they stood in the receiving line, shaking nearly 2,000 hands.

evs0546.

ln74 rush (ro)

after noon lead gronchi

washington, 5.-ch 1--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi last night saw president eisenhower on television explain how he would campaign for the presidency if nominated again by the republican party.

this took place immediately after the dinner given by secretary of state john foster dulles in honor of gronchi at anderson house.

ambassador claire booth luce sat next to gronchi during eisenhower's television appearance and with the official interpreter helped to explain all the president said.

dulles, in proposing gronchi's toast at the dinner, said gronchi was following the good old italian custom of traveling around the world and +some people say i have caught the habit and perhaps if my travels are of historical interest, i would point out rome was the first foreign capital i visited as secretary of state.+

he expressed great gratification to be able to entertain gronchi.

he added, +as you visit us i am certain you will be more impressed than ever of the fact that the heart of america beats in harmony with the heart of italy. many people of italian stock make up our citizenry and have made a proud contribution to our nation.+

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evs0550.

ln75 (ro)

add afternoon lead gronchi, washington xxx nation.

dulles stressed at this time +we now face a second decade since the last war and at this critical period we shall meet whatever new problems that may arise together for i am confident we shall always march side by side.+

gronchi, in toasting president eisenhower, said +it is with very deep feeling i thank you for your welcome which is a hallmark of true friendship.+

referring to dulles' reference to traveling, he said this form of interdependence among many countries might well bring about +a union among the heads of state.+

he then said +i find it very significant of the need on the part of our countries not to remain selfish but to help other countries so they can be won over to liberty and freedom.

+i also feel very sure out of the friendship i have found here that many important results will arise to further the cause of peace.+

he said +of course italy might be able to go it alone and solve her problems and be able to live but we want to create a free world where all can live in liberty and human dignity. i have full trust in the cooperation of the united states in this task and i feel the results of my visit will be helpful in this sense.+

senators, supreme court judges as well as state and defense department officials attended the dinner.

gronchi and his party left anderson house at 10.40 p.m. (0340 gmt) for blair house to prepare for the second meeting at 9 a.m. today between president eisenhower and gronchi at the white house.

evs0555.

ln81 folo gronchi

oakland, california, march 1--(up)- the oakland tribune said in an editorial yesterday italian president giovanni gronchi has come to the united states +for comfort and advise+ because his country +has the largest communist party in the world outside russia and red china.+

publisher of the tribune is joseph r. knowland, father of u.s. sen. william f. knowland (republican).

text of the tribune editorial:

+the visit of president giovanni gronchi of italy to the united states is hardly an event of shattering impact in the field of foreign events, and his presence at the white house this week was overshadowed by another event, president eisenhower's announcement today.

+but despite the fact that president gronchi will not draw blazing headlines, his visit does have meaning. it is the first time that the president of italy has visited the united states, and he comes not for largesse but more for comfort and advice. for his is a country that has the largest communist party in the world outside russia and red china.

and italy needs help and advice on how best to carry out those things for which the country really stands.

+that creed, as expressed by president gronchi is one that could well be accepted as a statement of principles for all of the world, one which proclaims those things, which if they were observed and practiced by all nations, would bring the peace and stability so avidly sought by the free countries.+

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ln169 bulletin (ro)''''

washington, march 1--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi arrived at the white house to confer a second time with president eisenhower today.

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bulletin (ro)

washington, march 1.--(up)-- italian president giovanni gronchi left the white house at 1530 gmt after his second conference with president eisenhower. he had thus spent one hour and 27 minutes at the white house.

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by norman j. montellier

washington, march 1-- (up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy conferred for 87 minutes today with president eisenhower and was reported + reasonably satisfied+ with the reception given his views on the north atlantic treaty organization and european integration.

the two presidents, joined by foreign minister gaetano martino and secretary of state john foster dulles, went so deeply into the italian and u.s. positions regarding a new western economic offensive to meet the demands of competitive coexistence that the scheduled one-hour meeting had to be extended an extra half hour. two other appointments for the president had to be delayed to accommodate gronchi.

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add gronchi washington x x x gronchi.

a simple white house announcement said: +the president of the united states and the president of the republic of italy continued this morning the exchange of views which they began on tuesday. their talk, which lasted one hour and a half, involved a development of the subject matter of tuesdays discussion.+

the white house said it would issue a formal joint communique later this afternoon and added: +president gronchi told president eisenhower he had received the news of the president's decision yesterday (to be available for re-election) with deep satisfaction. he said that the election, of course, is a matter for the people of the united states alone but that the presidents announcement because of his great personal popularity, is of importance to all the people of the world.+

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(rome)

third gronchi washington xxx world.+

gronchi and eisenhower did most of the talking during the conference but dulles intervened several times to +give more exact definitions on some points of policy and clarify some questions.+

among the observations made by dulles was a statement that his comments about economic collaboration in the western community were +never intended+ to be contrary to understandings of the nato partners nor their agreements regarding application of article two.

gronchi did not appear to be as cheerful as after the first white house conference tuesday but this may have been due to fatigue as much as to his heavy concentration on political questions of the highest importance. last night, after returning from the state dinner given by dulles, gronchi told his staff that he was +exhausted+ by the arduous schedule which kept him moving yesterday from 1400 gmt until midnight with no time for rest.

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(rome)

fourth gronchi washington xxx rest.

gronchi's speech to congress yesterday and the impact of his personality had left a definite mark on washington's political consciousness, even though the eisenhower announcement yesterday had overwhelmed news of the president's visit. but despite the torrent of news pouring out about eisenhower and u. s. politics, the gronchi speech to congress was given top page -one play by the new york times under the bannerline announcing eisenhower's decision.

gronchi's visit to washington has achieved two important things:

1. the wide publicity given by the arrival here and the attention accorded his congress speech have given the united states public perhaps the clearest picture it has had in years of italy's difficulties, her problems and her position in the western community's future.

2. gronchi has more than clarified u.s. doubts about his own politics, arising out of confusion over his views about an +opening to the left+ in italian politics. his clear and frank words about italy's need to fight communism at home by promoting better and bolder social and economic reforms have been well received.

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(rome)

fifth gronchi washington xxx received.

a columnist of the washington post said today: +the italian president is well equipped to make other parts of the continent italy-conscious when he starts seeing canada and the 'real united states.' both his personality and his career have special appeal on this side of the atlantic...the biggest gain will come to americans themselves, who by reason of geography and language are known as an especially ethnocentric people. for the presence in their midst of a human symbol of another nation will inevitably enlarge their understandings of that nation's politics, its economy, and its relations to their own destiny.+

the columnist observed that gronchi's visit is especially significant, +important as italy and its problems are to this country and to the free world.+ he added: +the present spotlight on president gronchi has caused some americans at least to realize for the first time the meaning of christian democrat and leftwing socialist in relation to italian politics, and to world politics as well.+

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sixth gronchi washington xxx well.+

along with the attention given gronchi, washington political observers have been following closely the activities of ambassador clare boothe luce, who had been reported to be desirous of leaving rome to return to the u.s. for another diplomatic post or to enter the 1956 election campaign.

today a washington post columnist said that mrs. luce would return to rome for +an indefinite stay.+ it quoted mrs. luce as saying: +i've got my marching orders from the president and from the secretary of state and i've got to be a good soldier and take them.+ mrs. luce told friends that +i shall stay on as long as the president and secretary need me+ but that she also confided she would like to leave politics to return to writing.

mrs. luce was credited with +doing her usual fine job of selling italy to america+ by wearing nothing but italian-designed clothes during this u.s. visit.

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ln-tlxfk 18

seventh gronchi washington x x x visit.

gronchi had barely a half hour of rest after the white house conference before leaving for georgetown, now a section of the district of columbia but the original city on the site of the nation's capital. the president visited georgetown university, founded in 1787 and the oldest catholic university in the u.s.

the university is directed by fathers of the society of jesus. the rector, the most reverend edward b. bunn, greeted gronchi at 1630 gmt, and then presented him to the assembled deans, regents and student representatives in the hall of cardinals.

there gronchi urged the broadest possible contact between students all over the world -- including +young people of marxist or communist background+ -- as the best way to shape a sense of solidarity among peoples. there need be no fear of contact with communist youths, he said, as long as one remains strongly confident in the spiritual values of western civilization.

(more) et 2030

ln/tlx fk 19

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eight gronchi washington x x x x civilization.

+i can't help thinking at this moment, and while enjoying your company, how much should and could be done in order to bring more closely together the youth of different countries,+ he said.

+i believe that contacts among foreign students, not only occasional but planned and continued on a continuous basis, would help to shape in a spontaneous way a strong sense of solidarity among the people -- this, i dare say, would help more than treaties and diplomatic arrangements.

+if we have strong confidence in the spiritual values and in the historical validity of our western civilization, there is nothing to fear even from possible contacts with young people of marxist or communist background. actually, nothing is better calculated to overcome ideological aberrations and blind fanaticism than free discussion, comparisons and the truth which ultimately shines in all its strength and glow.+

(more) et 2040

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(ro)

ninth gronchi washington x x x glow.+

gronchi spoke of the parallel between italy and the u.s. in gaining unification and liberty and said that +georgetown university has been one of the first centers to give impetus to the intellectual life of the new world, and if all of us today abroad look at the united states as a nation which is a symbol not only of freedom but also of technological advances, this is due to the efforts of the scientists and scholars which were brought up in this university and other sister institutions of learning.

+if today one can travel fast and safely throughout the globe, if we can now talk across oceans, if your research efforts and our own are by now parts of a common task, this is the place where were laid the foundations of those magnificent developments in which the united states play now an even greater part than during the past centuries.+

et 2045

ln261/ux57 urgent (ro)

washington mar 1- (up)-- president eisenhower and italian president giovanni gronchi reaffirmed today that they will continue to work for arms reduction but said the present situation +does not allow any relaxation of the western defense effort.+

their comment was made in a communique issued at the end of consultations held here this week.

the communique said that the two heads of state also agreed on the need to deepen and extend the solidarity of nato countries through +increased cooperation among them in all fields.+

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ln262/ux58 urgent

add eisenhower gronchi washington x x x fields

the communique was issued by the white house after two rounds of consultations between the two leaders. gronchi is scheduled to depart tomorrow on a nationwide tour.

+the president of the united states and the president of the italian republic met again today to complete their discussion of problems of mutual interest. they reaffirmed their intention to direct their action toward the preservation of peace, freedom and democracy. they reaffirmed that, while all possible efforts will continue to be made to achieve a reduction of armaments, the present situation does not allow any relaxation of the western defense efforts.

more jc2040

ln263/ux59

third eisenhower gronchi washington x x x efforts

+concurrently, the president of the united states and the president of the italian republic agreed on the necessity of further deepening and extending the solidarity among the members of the north atlantic community through increased cooperation among them in all fields.

+the two recognized that to the extent that it is possible to improve the western world economy and to facilitate the development of the less advanced economies within it, the atlantic community and indeed the entire free world will benefit.

+in particular, as far as italy is concerned, they agreed that italy no longer needs grant economic aid. this area, president eisenhower and president gronchi agreed, should be increasingly explored within the framework of established western economic cooperation. it is the possibility that, in addition to her own efforts, italy could meet some of her problems by the extension of sound public and private, long term foreign investments.

+the problem facing italy, it was agreed, is the improvement of the conditions which are necessary to her industrial development, particularly in the south, and further to attract private, national and foreign investments.+

(end text) jc2059

telex fk (ro)

nightlead and first lead gronchi speech

by norman j. montellier

washington, march 1- (up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy rejected today any idea of an italian government shift to the left or unilateral italian action on bringing communist china into the united nations.

+the question regarding relations between china and the united nations and the admission of china to the u.n. is so far removed from the interests of my country that i have not had an opportunity to discuss it with my government or anyone else. the fact is that whatever proposals may ever come from italy will certainly be made within the framework of solidarity with the other nations of the western world.+

gronchi's statement was in reply to a question which referred to remarks recently attributed to him by a newspaper correspondent. the president was blunt in saying he had not discussed communist china's u.n. membership with anyone.+

he was then asked whether you feel that in the near future there may be an increased danger of popular front government in italy.+

he replied: why do you think of illness when one is in perfect health and hasnt the slightest intention of becoming ill?+

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add nightlead gronchi washington x x xill.+

gronchi handled deftly a sharp question: +do you think mrs. luce has been a capable ambassador?+ he reddened as he laughed at the question and mrs. luce, present at the speakers table, clapped her hand to her head.

after chiding the questioner for lacking a spirit of chivalry,+ and noting that +even if i did not think so, i would not say it,+ gronchi told the press audience: +i am happy to express my appreciation for the work in aid of italy which mrs luce has done and to say that it is worthy of the highest regard. i am glad to express this here and loudly.+

gronchi told another questioner that +you must come from a planet like the moon or mars+ when he asked about possible italian hopes for regaining her north african colonies.

+you cannot imagine,+ he said, +that italy does not understand the evolution in the world.+ he emphasized that italys only interest in north africa was to extend her prestige and culture through ordinary activity.

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telex fk (ro)

third night lead gronchi washington x x x activity.

pressed for some definite proposals in expending natos economic phases, gronchi said that +sometimes at home i am accused of confusing my presidential powers with those of the government. that is not so. i am head of state and can not therefore make concrete proposals.+

but he suggested that +one thing would be desirable and that is the coordination of the work of the many agencies now existing to further the work of international cooperation. if we keep on creating new agencies we will have to publish a dictionary to find out what each is supposed to be doing.+

gronchi received a warm reception from the assembled journalists, representing newspapers from all over the world, and engaged in humorous exchanges about his political leanings before giving his speech.

club president frank holeman of the newyork daily news intriduced gronchi by saying: +one of the sights of italy is the leaning tower of pisa. our guest today comes from pisa. he is a tower of strength in italy--and he leans a little to the left. but he is a good friend of ours and the head of a great republic allied with the united states for the preservation of peace.+

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telex fk (ro)

fourth night lead gronchi washington x x x peace.+

+italians have good reason to be proud of him,+ holeman said. +he is a great man who rose high in life by his own efforts and in that process did not become a stuffed shirt.+

holeman, in a reference to recent political storms over statements made by secretary of state dulles on foreign affairs, then observed that gronchi had presented to the u.s. a statue of the +discus thrower+ and +i hear they are going to put the statue in the state department--but nobody should make remarks about changing the discus to a boomerang.+

gronchi said he could +not accept the reference to the tower of pisa. i am first of all a man who stands straight on his feet and doesnt lean one way or another.+

this remark touched off a gale of laughter and applause. gronchi continued: +the definition of right or left in geography or politics has no meaning whatsoever. in fact, the tower of pisa leans to the northeast--but that has no malevolent meaning.+ an aide conferred hastily with gronchi and the president laughingly corrected himself: +the tower of pisa leans to the north-west--that is very important.+

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among the many guests at the lunch, besides gronchi's official party, were deputy undersecretary of state loy henderson, deputy assistant secretary for european affairs c. burke elbrick, director of the office of west european affairs john wesley jones, senator alexander wiley of the foreign relations committee usis director theodore c. streiber, senator john o. pastore of rhode island who was introduced as +the italian member of the senate+ and italian-born rep. victor l. anfuso of new york.

while gronchi attended the press club lunch, signora gronchi was the guest of signora brozio at an embassy lunch.

the president left the press club at 1700 gmt to drive to the pentagon and a scheduled 1730 gmt brief on western air defenses.

an addition to his program was a meeting at 2230 gmt at blair house with eugene black, president of the international bank.

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ln:tlxfk1 (ro)

(release 1830 gmt)

washington march 1--(up)-- excerpts from the speech of italian president giovanni gronchi at the national press club today:

+...only a month ago, for the first time since the end of the war, there was once more, from the capital of this great nation and as a result of the meeting between the president of the united states and the british prime minister, a re-statement of the very principles dear to most people which helped to win the dreadful ordeal of the last war and enabled many nations oppressed by dictatorship to live one more in freedom and democracy. the re-statement of those principles after 10 years acquires a fresh significance because, now that their wartime appeal has faded out, it brings to the fore-ground the problem of how we shall go about in spreading those principles and defending them so that the greatest part of human society may identify itself with their intent and may cooperate in their fulfillment and preservation...

+...two fundamental conceptions of life are facing each other throughout the world with far-reaching implications on the organization and the orientation of modern nations.

more jc:

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+this, in my opinion is the basic new fact that we must consider, a fact which is pregnant with developments going far beyond the area of such problems as military defense and the balance of power. the fact is that we might witness a process of political conquest, through the conquest of the mind and of the heart of the people, without the need for a single gun being fired. there is already some such symptom, especially in asia, and it is not an overstatement to say that, together with the terrifying developments of nuclear weapons, the awakening of the feeling of independence and the hopes for freedom which are multiplying, from north africa to indonesia, are foreshadowing the entrance of new nations as free and influential factors in world history, as well as new situations and the new configurations in the balance of world power.

+the type of democracy in which we believe...calls for additional weapons of self-defense. it was a great step forward to have reached a point where war is less probable in the near future than it was in the past...however, this in itself is not a sufficient safeguard for that spiritual christian conception and for those political and social systems which are identified with our faith in freedom and justice...

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+this is the big problem we have now to face. it does not eliminate the lasting need for a posture of armed defense, painful as this may be, nor the need for the cooperative military and political arrangements related to it. every free country must be on its guard against the temptation of denying or even whittling down their importance. however, we can realize already now the inadequacies of the so-called balance of power, and with it the danger, inherent to the balance of power conception, it bringing about a vicious spiral of causes and effects, set into motion by mutual diffidences and fear, and resulting in a dangerous and ruinous race for power...

+...it is a fact that to become prepared for war, with all those frightful modern weapons, is a tragic luxury far beyond the means of nations less endowed with wealth. however, it would be mistaken to think that such an attitude implies discouragement or weakness, stemming either from unreasonable fatalism or from irresponsible optimism...

+people such as the italians, who have felt in their own flesh the unmitigated horrors of war have been warned through experience. they know that if they want to preserve their independence, their security and their free existence, in other words if they want to survive they must seek through mutual cooperation with other nations the strength which they cannot have alone...

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tlxln5 fourth gronch I excerpts washington (hfr) x x x alone...

+above all, italy and other like-minded nations are appealing to their friends so that the western world may become a close community, and that cooperation within that community may help to solve problems of survival and development of the less strong units, and may also help to free other nations from the enslavement of injustice and poverty...

+...as far as italy is concerned, we have developed a two-fold action-- a domestic action for the defense of our free institutions, and an international action having as its objective a clarification of our requirements and a fresh appraisal of our potentialities, within the framework of the existing alliances... in every democratic country, and consequently also in italy, political stability can be secured chiefly by enlisting the confidence in and allegiance to the state on the part of the largest number of population. outside of this method there are only the authoritarian practices of more or less disguised dictatorship, which are repellent to you and to us because they deny the fundamental freedoms of man. it would be damaging to attempt to enlist that allegiance through spurious compromises at the expense of our principles. no lover of democracy in italy can be suspected of that. what we want is to give to the authority of the state the noble imprint of justice and to free the less privileged classes from the pressures of poverty through a more equitable distribution of our national income...

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+in the international sphere italy is motivated by a sense of active responsibility which translates itself into an ever-increasing degree of participation in the negotiations for the solution of common problems. italy cannot overlook in particular the pressures which are developing above all in the near and middle east, that is in an area which has always been an outpost of her defense. it is essential that the stabilizing function of italy in that area be considered in our efforts for common defense, lest the existing equilibrium becomes dangerously shaken, and the cooperation which exists with the countries of the mediterranean region becomes seriously jeopardized.

+we are convinced that the energies of all members of the atlantic community, reappraised and coordinated in a program of active common action, will give us the domestic and external security which will answer the earnest expectations of our peoples.

+this reference to the necessity for a degree of political and economic evolution in the association of free nations is not meant as a negative criticism of the present organizations. it is meant with reference to the future, and to the necessity of taking into due consideration the position of each member, to prevent friction or dispersions of energy, and to strengthen the weak points which might appear from time to time...+

(end excerpts)

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rush (ro)

(with gronchi)

washington, march 1--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi said today italy would not propose the admission of communist china to the united nations unless it were with the full consent of the other western allies.

the president was replying to questions put to him after his national press club speech on reports that he favored the admission of the peiping regime to the u.n.

+the relationship between china and the united nations is so far removed from the interests of my country that i have not even discussed it with my government,+ gronchi replied.

if any new proposal on u.n. memberships is to be made by italy, +it certainly would be made within the framework of the solidarity of the free nations of the world.+

considerable speculation on gronchi's position on communist china was created recently by a newspaper interview citing gronchi as being critical of the u.s. attitude toward the peiping regime. this allegation in the interview was promptly denied by gronchi's office. but the matter continued to be a live issue.

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In 284 rush (ro)

washington, march 1--(up)--foreign minister gaetano martino arrived at the state department at 2115 gmt today for a conference with secretary of state dulles.

he was greeted warmly by dulles who then sat informally with martino on a table's edge for photographers. italian ambassador manlio brozio said martino and dulles would discuss +comparatively minor items+ to conclude the discussions opened tuesday at the white house.

fhb/2205

In -tlx fk 21 (ro)

norfolk, virginia, march 1 --(up-- officials made preparation here today for the visit tomorrow of italian president giovanni gronchi, as this will be the first city he visits on his nation-wide tour after leaving washington.

he will come here to confer with admiral jerauld wright, supreme allied commander, atlantic, at the headquarters of the nato command for the atlantic. this is commonly called saclant.

gronchi is scheduled to arrive by plane at the naval air station at 10 a.m. est. after he meets admiral wright he will visit the nato allied command.

other officials of the italian government will accompany president gronchi to norfolk. his wife -- donna carla gronchi -- and wives of other members of the official italian party will visit williamsburg while the president is in norfolk.

admiral arthur radford -- chairman of the u.s. joint chiefs of staff -- and the ambassador clare boothe luce -- will be in the official u.s. party accompanying the president.

president gronchi will receive military honors including a 21-gun salute. he will be guest of honor at a luncheon given by admiral wright shortly afterwards the group then will tour the naval base, go aboard an aircraft carrier and a battleship, and watch a flight of the latest type planes at the naval air station.

the italian party is scheduled to leave norfolk late tomorrow afternoon for new york and ottawa, canada.

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ln36 rush (ro)

washington, march 2--(up)-- president and mrs. gronchi were hosts last night at a format dinner party honoring vice president richard m. nixon and mrs. nixon.

the italian embassy dinner was attended by 44 guests, including secretary of state john foster dulles and mrs. dulles.

among the italian guests were foreign minister gaetano martino and signora martino, gen. alberto roda, minister mario lucioli, vice chief of cabinet for the foreign office enrico aillaumi, dr. mario colesanti, protocol officer luigi valdettaro, and foreign office secretary guglielmo folchi, of the president's official party.

other italian guests were ambassador and mrs. manlio brozio, gen. Giuseppe Mancinelli, minister and signora egidio ortona.

americans present besides the nixons and dulles, were treasury secretary george c. humphrey, sen. and mrs. arthur watkins, presidential adviser sherman adams and mrs. adams, rep. joseph martin, under-secretary of the treasury w. randolph burgess and mrs. burgess, assistant secretary of state herbert hoover, jr. and mrs. hoover, attorney general and mrs. herbert brownell.

protocol chief ambassador john simmons and mrs. simmons, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff admiral arthur radford and mrs. radford, mrs. truxton beale and mrs. julia brambilla.

sen. watkins is chairman of the congressional joint committee on immigration policy.

the dinner menu included a clear consomme julien, lobster, breaded veal cutlets geneese, spinach, fresh artichokes, spring carrots, potatoes parisienne and a mixed green salad. dessert included cheese and fresh fruit. wines were a castello di canelli 1948 white and a broglio chianti red 1949. the champagne was ernest irroy et brut 1939.

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ln37 rush (ro)

(with gronchi)

washington march 1--(up)-- senora giovanni gronchi, wife of italy's president, told a women's national press club reception yesterday that the women reporters of the united states +have a very big part to play in the development of the international cooperation which represents our final goal and the only hope we have to preserve our civilization for ourselves and for our children.

signora gronchi spoke briefly at the reception which was in the grand ballroom of the mayflower hotel.

she said modestly that she was a +little bit embarrassed+ to speak to so many newspaper women, but added:

+since the very first moment of our visit, my husband and i have felt surrounded by so much warmth and friendship that i dare hope whatever i say or do will always be reported with that same cordiality with which we were greeted in this country.+

she was introduced to the group by mrs. clare boothe luce, u.s. ambassador to italy, who described her as +one of the most beloved figures in italy and one of the loveliest ladies.+

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ln38 (ro)

add reception washington xxx ladies.+

mrs. luce also had high praise for all of the women of italy, and said they are +a modest but a peculiarly special and heroic group.+ she spoke of the difficulties they face in daily living and said +i wonder sometimes how american women would bear up under the trials, tribulations, physical and material difficulties that confront the women of italy.+

however, she said, they play an important role in italian life and +if it had not been for the women of italy, the political story there would probably be much different and not nearly so happy.+

+signora gronchi is a woman in the noble tradition of the modest, courageous, strongly spiritual women of italy,+ mrs. luce said. +she is considered something of a saint among the poorer classes for whom she tries to do so much.+

the reception was attended by approximately 150 members of the press club and their guests.

the long buffet table in the center of the room was decorated with the mayflower hotel's famous gold service, and was centered with a colorful arrangement of snapdragons, chrysanthemums, marigolds and fern.

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ln41 (ro)

third reception washington xxx fern

after standing in the receiving line greeting guests for approximately 15 minutes, the italian first lady made her brief speech, viewed the tea table, and chatted briefly with club officials before leaving the reception.

the text of her speech is as follows:

+i am very grateful for the invitation to address your club: i must confess that i feel a little embarrassed in speaking to you.

+we women are known--since ages which go back to aristophanes--as being too talkative. moreover those who are newspaper women by profession have a reputation for reporting even more than what has been said.

+you can well imagine therefore that i should be a little bit embarrassed to find myself among so many valiant newspaper women. since the very first moment of our visit, however, my husband and i have felt surrounded by so much warmth and friendship, that i dare hope, whatever i do or whatever i say will always be reported with that same cordiality with which we were greeted in this country.

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ln 42 (ro)

fourth reception washington x x x x country.

+let me tell you, first of all, that i admire very much your organization, which is a powerful and vital democratic instrument in this free america. your club is a shining example also for my country, where women are now entering with great success many areas of activity, including journalism and politics. but above all this, and even if --i am proud to say-- in the field of politics italian women are even in a larger number than in this country of yours, they are, and i am sure always will be, affectionate mothers, devoted wives and good housekeepers.

+you, friends of the national women's press club, have a very big part to play in the development of that international cooperation which represents our final goal and the only hope we have in order to preserve our civilization for ourselves and for our children.

+you are a big factor for progress, and a beacon to all those, who are watching the way in which women throughout the world are taking their rightful place in their communities.

+to you is entrusted a large part of the information and the education of the people.

+moreover you can teach a great lesson to your colleagues of other nations for the way in which you can act with grace, fairness and intelligence in your daily toil. i had the best proof of it the day before yesterday when i was interviewed by some of your ladies--reporters. they couldn't have been more gently inquisitive and more humanly understanding.

+that is why it is with particular pleasure that as a woman and as an italian i bring you the warm greetings of the women of my country and i express my best wishes of prosperity for your association and of a happy future for your great country.+

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ln 68 rush (ro)

afternoon lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

washington, march 2--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy ends a four -day visit to washington today and begins a 12-day tour of canada and the united states buoyed by the knowledge that he made a distinctive impression on the nation's capital.

two talks with president eisenhower gave gronchi an opportunity to present at length his views on the need for a new direction in western planning. a speech to congress which drew unusually laudatory comments from senators and representatives and an address to the national press club where journalists praised him lavishly, were highlights of his first official appearance here.

gronchi arrived as a man about whom some doubt circulated in regard to his political leanings. there was even concern about the future in italy because of recent talks about political realignments. but in his busy schedule, gronchi gave the american public its clearest look in a long time at the italian situation.

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In 69 add afternoon lead gronchi washington x x x x situation.

one noted political columnist said today: +gronchi has injected a vigorous and stabilizing hand into italian politics.+

white house correspondents said +he spoke more clearly and frankly than most official visitors and what he said had reason and meaning behind it.+

gronchi's mission was not to conclude agreements, which are a matter for the italian government, but to promote good will. at the same time he is taking the opportunity to express his own thoughts about a critical stage in world events.

the white house communique after his second talk with eisenhower today confirmed presidential agreement on one of gronchi's key points---+ the necessity of further deepening and extending the solidarity among the members of the north atlantic community through increased cooperation among them in all fields.+

the communique also echoed a favorite gronchi theme when it said +the two recognized that to the extent that it is possible to improve the western world economy and to facilitate the development of the less advanced economies within it, the atlantic community and indeed the entire free world will benefit.+

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In 70 third afternoon lead gronchi washington x x x x benefit.+

italian hopes that the u.s. might encourage greater private and public capital investment in italy were not given any concrete fulfillment however. the communique only said the presidents agreed that the question of investments should be +increasingly explored.+ but a visit by world bank president eugene black to gronchi confirmed hopes of an early bank loan for italy's development program and raised hopes for stimulation of private investments.

gronchi's appearance here at a time when the congress is sharply split over dulles' foreign policies might have seemed unfortunate, yet his forceful manner of presenting his views and the clarity of his exposition of the problems facing the atlantic alliance, european integration and italy herself, drew from both republican and democratic congressmen a type of praise that is out of the ordinary. several called his congress speech the +best+ by any foreign visitor in recent years and all were impressed by the firmness of his logic.

little real change could be expected in u.s. policy at this stage, however, dulles is on route to the seate conference in karachi and then an asian tour which will keep him out of washington most of march, by then the domestic political campaign will be developing and the administration shows no intention of inviting new major arguments by making or proposing foreign policy changes.

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In 71 fourth afternoon lead gronchi, washington x x x changes.

but dulles will hear from britain at karachi the same set of arguments presented so well here by gronchi, france, too, has been advancing ideas for different action within the atlantic community to meet the troubled situation in north africa.

such pressures within the alliance may, in the next few months, develop a new stage of planning to map the future role of the military alliances on which the west has based its strength.

gronchi's visits to the white house made it clear that eisenhower finds little to disagree about in the italian president's appraisal of the need for expanded western economic cooperation, the question now must be the timing of changes and whether the new emphasis will come first through u.s. political and moral pressure to revitalize existing economic alliances such as oeec.

one official source appraised the results of gronchi's visit as: +for him it was a success, he made his point and made it well. he spoke frankly and was heard with the closest attention, for the u.s., it was a confirmation of the faith and trust placed in italy. gronchi has done more than one would have expected to erase doubts about italy's role in the western alliance.+

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In 72 fifth afternoon lead gronchi washington x x alliance.+

gronchi leaves washington at 1415 gmt from the military air transport service terminal, he arrives at 1500 gmt at norfolk, virginia, one of the finest ports in the world and the site not only of one of the oldest american forts but also the headquarters for the ultra-modern supreme allied command of the atlantic (saclant).

norfolk is also the headquarters of the fifth naval district covering the southeastern states, the home of the u.s. atlantic fleet, the main atlantic naval supply center, a naval personnel headquarters which processes 100,000 men a year, the seat of the u.s. naval school command directing nine different types of training institutes and the naval air station for the atlantic fleet.

at this air base 17,000 aiplanes a month land and take off-- and an average of one every three minutes or a rate which is superior to the traffic at new york's international airport.

norfolk has conditioned most of the u.s. naval ships given to other nations under the military aid program including 24 vessels of the italian navy. these include the destroyer aviore and the submarines tazzoli and da vinci.

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ln 73 sixth afternoon lead gronchi washington x x x da vinci.

at norfolk the president will be welcomed with a 21-gun salute and the full ceremonial honors of the u.s. navy. admiral jerauld wright, commander in chief of the atlantic fleet and commander of saclant will greet him. admiral arthur radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, will escort gronchi to norfolk.

gronchi will inspect the naval guard of honor and at 1530 gmt will receive a special +briefing+--military exposition--on saclant operations in relation to nato.

at 1730 gmt, wright will entertain at luncheon in honor of gronchi at the officers club.

at 1900 gmt the party will go aboard a u.s. aircraft carrier and then a battleship and at 2120 gmt gronchi will review a special fly-over of a naval air group, including some of the fleet's latest planes.

signora gronchi will leave the party at norfolk at 1515 gmt for a visit to williamsburg, virginia, which has been restored in its original colonial atmosphere.

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ln 74 seventh afternoon lead gronchi washington x x atmosphere.

signora gronchi will arrive in williamsburg by auto at 1535 gmt and at 1800 gmt will be the luncheon guest of carlisle humelsine, resident officer of colonial williamsburg, inc., which directs the maintenance of the historic town, and mrs. humelsine. lunch will be at the +king's arms+ inn.

at 2040 gmt, signora gronchi's party will leave by plane from patrick henry airport, named for the patriot who delivered the most-quoted american speech on freedom---+give me liberty or give me death+--and return to norfolk.

the entire party will leave norfolk's naval air station at 2145 gmt for new york, arriving there at 2305 gmt at laguardia airport. the presidential party will drive across long island and manhattan in a cavalcade to new york's pennsylvania station where they will board a train for ottawa, canada. the train leaves new york at 0125 gmt, arriving in ottawa 1710 gmt saturday.

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ln196/ux111 bulletin '''' (ro)

washington, march 2--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi left today for norfolk virginia after four days of consultations with president eisenhower and other officials. he left by airplane at 1412 gmt.

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ln197/ux12 urgent ''''

add gronchi departure washington x x x gmt.

the president flew to norfolk in a four-engine military air transport service plane. the trip takes about 45 minutes.

he went there to inspect the headquarters of the nato command for the atlantic.

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ln200 rush

third gronchi departure washington x x x atlantic.

gathered at the airport with gronchi were acting secretary of state herbert hoover jr., deputy assistant secretary of state for european affairs burke elbrick and members of the president's party including chairman of the joint chief of staff, admiral arthur radford, who also flew to norfolk with gronchi.

a squad of air force soldiers in dress uniforms with light blue scarves took up position in a square around the huge plane in which gronchi was to make the flight.

gronchi's flag-decked motorcade, preceded by six police motor-cycles, arrived at the airfield a few minutes before 1400 gmt. the italian president chatted amiably with hoover and admiral radford while waiting for the rest of his party to arrive at the airfield.

the two statesmen talked with the president's personal translator interpreting. just prior to boarding the plane, gronchi said in english: +goodby mr. hoover. many, many thanks.+ he then stepped briskly up the steps into the plane.

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ln204 rush (ro)

fourth gronchi departure washington x x x plane.

shortly before the plane took off u.s. ambassador to italy, clare boothe luce, ran onto the field and joined the party for the trip to norfolk with president gronchi.

a minor diplomatic incident almost occurred when hoover was caught inside the plane saying goodbye to gronchi while mechanics made ready to wheel the plane onto the runway.

only mrs. hoover's timely intervention got her husband back from the plane.

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ln 212 urgent

(ro)

by norman j. montellier.

norfolk, virginia, march 2 --(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy landed at the norfolk naval air station to visit the headquarters of the supreme allied command of the atlantic (saclant) at 1455 gmt today.

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In 215 ux 17 rush

add gronchi norfolk x x x today.

gronchi's special plane, a deluxe constellation put at his disposal by the military air transport service, was greeted by admiral jerauld wright, saclant commander, and vice admiral john w.m. eaton, deputy commander.

there were no formalities at the airport and gronchi was immediately escorted to a limousine for the 12-minute ride to the command headquarters four miles away where a colorful ceremonial guard was ready to render full naval honors. a detachment of marines of the u.s. atlantic fleet, sailors of the saclant command and a band from the u.s. atlantic fleet, which wright also commands, were drawn up in front of the headquarters building.

a semi-circle of white flagpoles flying the colors of the 15 nato members formed a backdrop for the ceremony. representing the allied nations who maintain representatives at saclant were officials of the united states, britain, france, portugal, norway, denmark, the netherlands, and canada.

italy does not keep a representative here but as a nato member contributes to the support of saclant, the planning headquarters for atlantic naval action in the event of war.

gronchi arrived at the headquarters at 1521 gmt.

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washington mar 2 --(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy departed by plane for new york at 4:20 p.. (2120 gmt)

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new york, march 2--(up)-- italian president giovanni gronchi arrived by plane from washington at 559 pm (2259 gmt) today.

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In one/ux one rush (ro)

add gronchi new york (new afternoon lead) x x x today.

president gronchi left the marine terminal, laguardia airport, at 2310 gmt, for pennsylvania station, where he was scheduled to depart at 0125 gmt on a new york, new haven and hartford railroad train for ottawa.

john simmons, chief of protocol for the u.s. state department, said the president and his party would go directly to the train, where they would board two special cars immediately upon arrival at the station.

gronchi was preceded from the plane by simmons and was met by alberto casardi, italian permanent representative to the united nations= baron carlo de gerraris, italian consul-general in new york, and by the wives of both men.

after shaking hands with his greeters, gronchi walked between two rows of a police honor guard to his waiting limousine and immediately got in, preceded by mrs. gronchi.

a few moments later, the pilot of the military air transport service constellation which brought him from norfolk, air force captain william w. tomlinson, walked up to the car. the president noticed him, leaned out of the car and grasped his hand. he thanked tomlinson who said later that gronchi's air force aide, lt. col. giovanni baracchini came forward and asked if it would be possible to circle newyork in the gathering dusk so the president could see the lights of manhattan.

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In 2ux2 rush (ro)

third afternoon lead gronchi new york xx manhattan.

baracchini said he made the request at gronchi's direction. tomlinson said he circled new york for eight minutes while both the president and his wife looked from separate windows. simmons said the president remarked at the beauty of the new york skyline -- +and seemed completely enthralled by it.+

simmons said the flight from norfolk was very smooth. it took one hour and 20 minutes.

thirty police were at the airport, stationed at strategic places and guarding all entrances to the terminal, more than an hour before the plane's scheduled arrival. both simmons and gronchi's military aide in the u.s. navy rear-admiral roscoe c. hillkoeter rode to the train station with the president and his wife. three police squad cars filled with detectives were in the motorcade which left for the train station preceded by 11 motorcycle police with sirens screaming and red lights flashing.

only a few moments before the president arrived, a light rain ceased.

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ln 23 (ro)

by susan wagner.

williamsburg, virginia, march 3--(up)-- signora giovanni gronchi, wife of the italian president, separated from her husband for more than five hours friday to make a visit into america's past.

while president gronchi inspected n. a. t. o. naval forces at norfolk, virginia, signora gronchi made a tour to the colonial capital of virginia-- the restored city of williamsburg.

she flew with her husband to norfolk in the morning at the end of a four-day official visit in washington. there, the president's wife boarded a special plane for the 15-minute flight across virginias tidelands to historic williamsburg.

she was accompanied by signoragaetano martino, wife of italy's foreign minister, and signora manlio brosio, wife of the italian ambassador to washington.

the party was greeted at patrick henry airport near williamsburg about 11 a. m. by officials of colonial williamsburg incorporated, and was driven in a motorcade the 18 miles to the colonial city. they began their tour at the elegant, brick georgian capitol building as a light rain fell.

while sitting on the wooden benches of the house of burgesses, one of the first legislative assembly halls in the new world, the italian visitors were given an account of the history of williamsburg.

williamsburg was founded in 1633 as an advance post to protect jamestown, the first permanent settlement in america, dating back to 1607. for about 80 years, from 1700-1780, it was the center of political and cultural life in the royal colony of virginia.

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add signora gronchi williamsburg xx virginia.

it was here that the royal governor lived, the assembly met, the courts sat. in the decades before the american revolution, williamsburg was the proving ground for many leaders -- among them george washington, thomas jefferson, patrick henry, and james madison. it grew into a prosperous, cultured town with notable examples of georgian architecture, simpler wooden dwellings typical of the new world, and landscaped gardens.

but in 1780 the capitol of the state was moved to richmond, further inland, richmond was considered safer from the attacks of the british. gradually, the city fell into decay. it was not until 1927 that john d. rockefeller, junior, decided to re-build the eighteenth-century city. since then, the foundation set up by him has provided more than dollars 44 million for the project.

after a tour of the capitol buildings, signora gronchi and her group drove down the duke of gloucester street to the governor's palace. here, the ladies were charmed by the georgian splendor of the house and gardens. signora gronchi exclaimed +multo bellissimo, multo bello.+ time and time again. she and the other visitors signed the guest book in the ballroom where thomas jefferson danced.

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third signora gronchi williamsbury xx danced.

signora brosic was so impressed by the women who act as guides in the colonial city that she made a special trip back to the governor's palace to thank the hostess personally- the williamsburg corporation trains local women in the history of the city and colonial america to act as hostesses. they wear eighteenth-century costumes as do the other employes in the various houses and shops.

after visiting the bruton parish church where the parents of martha washington are buried, the party went to a luncheon given in the king's arms tavern. they were the guests of the president of nearby william and mary college, the second oldest in the united states, and of the mayor of williamsburg.

they also visited the craft shop where signora gronchi was given a silver pin copied after the mace of williamsburg court house, and the bake shop where the guests were given samples of bread and ginger bread as it was cooked by the early american settlers. signora gronchi also took away paper dolls of colonial costumes and some colored slides of the restored buildings +to show my children.+

by afternoon, the sun had come out, and the party drove back across the rich virginia farmland to the airport and boarded their private plane for norfolk. at the u.s. naval air station at norfolk, which is the largest in the united states, signora gronchi joined the president and his party again. the entire group stood on the airfield to watch a fly-over of navy jet fighters and bombers in their honor.

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ln41 (ro)

with gronchi

washington, march 3--(up)-- defense officials said friday admiral arthur w. radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, was very glad to have the opportunity to accompany president giovanni gronchi to norfolk, virginia, to discuss with him italy's nato and mediterranean defense problems.

they said radford was anxious to have an exchange of views with gronchi on these matters which could be called a follow-up on the white house talks between president eisenhower and gronchi where they concerned nato.

this followed gronchi's briefing thursday by general nathan f. twining, air force chief of staff, on the defense role of united states air power in europe, including that of the strategic air force.

the officials said the fact that general curtis e. lemay, commander of strategic air command, had been called to the defense department to take part in the briefing shows the importance the department attaches to gronchi being told about the capabilities of his command.

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by norman j. montellier.

new york, march 3--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy left the united states last night for ottawa and a new round of high-level talks to enlist support for his campaign to weld a stronger western alliance through political, economic and social cooperation.

gronchi ended the first part of his u.s. visit with a whirlwind tour of the world's greatest naval base at norfolk, virginia, where the thunder-clap-explosions of navy salute cannon, the music of smart sailor bands and the tributes of allied commanders gave a stirring demonstration of the friendship felt for italy.

this mood of warmth was so evident that gronchi himself accentuated it, saying that the feeling of friendship developed on his visit was only proof of the solidarity that binds the west, before leaving norfolk and the supreme allied command for the atlantic (saclant), he told a luncheon audience of 100 that it was through the cooperation born in nato that the western world could find its best guarantee for future peace.

the visit to saclant, where eight nations keep permanent staffs, was a fitting climax to the italian president's state visit to washington. the tour of one of the centers of cooperation within the atlantic alliance underscored vividly gronchi's repeated urgings for an even closer western collaboration to meet the challenges of changing world conditions.

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ln16 (ro)

add gronchi new york xxx conditions.

gronchi left the norfolk naval base in a special u.s. military plane of the same type as that which carries secretary of state dulles on his world tours. he arrived in new york at 2105 gmt and was driven at once to pennsylvania station where he boarded a train for canada.

the new haven railroad train is called +the montrealer+ and the friday night departure found gronchi competing with hundreds of snow-sports enthusiasts who use this weekly +ski train+ to reach the mountain resorts north of new york. for the president two special sleeping cars were added as well as a diner. there are no dining facilities on the train normally.

the president's route was through new york and connecticut and then across massachusetts into vermont. the train follows a valley route much of the way but in vermont begins to climb through foothills.

at st. albans, vermont, the train will switch to the canadian national railways system. also there a detachment of royal canadian mounted police will board the train to relieve u.s. state department agents of the duty of guarding the president. the RCMP guard will remain with gronchi through his canadian visit and until he arrives in detroit next tuesday morning, where the state department men will again take up the duty.

gronchi's train arrives at montreal this morning and mayor jean dupreau was to lead a civic delegation to the railroad station to extend the city's greetings.

a group of representatives of the large italian colony in montreal also planned to salute the president as he passed through the city.

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third gronchi new york xxx city.

gronchi traveled in car no. 500, outfitted with deluxe bedroom and a comfortable lounge.

dinner was served for the president immediately after his train left new york. the menu was a typical new england meal, prepared at the request of the state department to acquaint gronchi with the clam chowder for which those states are famous, as well as the excellent seafood found there.

the presidential train arrives at montreal at 1310 gmt today. gronchi's cars will be switched to another train for the trip to ottawa, where he arrives at 1710 gmt.

evs0210.

ln 124 rush (ro)

ottawa, march 3--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy arrives (at 1700 gmt) today for a 51-hour state visit during which the canadian government is expected to give him warm, ready support for his pleas for closer economic cooperation.

a red-carpet reception was organized for the 68-year-old chief of state, who dramatically turned the figurehead office of the italian presidency soon after his election into the fountain-head of top domestic and international policy pronouncements of his government.

governor-general vincent massey, a 100-man honor guard from the 2nd battalion of the regiment of canadian guards, and the guards band in full-dress scarlet tunics and black fur bearskins lined up for the formal welcoming ceremony at union station.

gronchi, his wife, foreign minister and mrs gaetano martino, his military adviser, gen. alberto roda, and 12 others came here by special train from new york. they will go to detroit to continue their american tour monday after the president addresses a special joint sitting of the senate and house of commons.

economic cooperation within the north atlantic treaty organization, in which canada and italy are charter members, was regarded as the chief topic of the discussions gronchi and martino will have monday with prime minister louis st. laurent and external affairs minister lester b. pearson.

martino was last here during the state visit of former italian premier mario scelba 11 months ago. the italo-canadian talks then centered on the military aspects of nato and the need then of getting approval of agreements to rearm west germany.

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ln 129 add gronchi ottawa x x x germany.

gronchi will lay a wreath at the national war memorial today. he then will be received by speakers rene beaudoin of the commons and wishart mcl. robertson of the senate at the parliament buildings, before a state dinner tonight at government house. that will be followed by a state reception.

tomorrow, he will attend mass and meet other worshippers at the church of st. anthony of padua, lunch at the italian embassy and confer with italian-canadian businessmen from montreal and toronto, go on a sight-seeing tour of ottawa if the weather is fine, and preside at an italian state dinner for governor-general massey at the country club.

the main working sessions will be held monday morning when the italian and canadian leaders meet in prime minister st. laurents house of commons office and pearsons office in the east block. gronchi will address parliament at 1930 gmt.

there was no lack of discussion material involving italo-canadian cohesion in economic affairs. italian purchases in canada have been running about two-to-one over canadian purchases in italy. italy has cut her imports from canada from 52,000,000 dollars in 1952 to an estimated 24,000,000 dollars last year, while she has been able to increase her sales in this country only narrowly, up from 11,500,000 dollars in 1952 to an expected 14,000,000 dollars when final figures for last year are compiled.

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ln130 urgent (ro)

montreal, march 3.--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy arrived here by train from washington at 9.25 a.m. (1425 gmt) today en route to ottawa on a state visit to canada.

he stopped long enough for his three special coaches to be switched from the washington train to another bound for the canadian capital where he was due at 12.15 pm. the italian president was met by canadian secretary of state roch pinard and lionel massey, secretary and son of gov.- gen. vincent massey. they continued on to ottawa with him.

gronchi spent five minutes posing for photographers before climbing back aboard his special coach.

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ln133 urgent (ro)

night lead gronchi.

(hold for release on gronchi arrival in ottawa)

by norman j. montellier

ottawa, march 3.--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy arrived here today to discuss broader atlantic cooperation with another western ally amid deep u.s. and canadian concern for the french criticism of western defense planning and jordan's ouster of its british military chief.

there was no doubt that at the moment canada and u.s. were gravely preoccupied with the middle east situation and the seato conference in karachi.

but french foreign minister christian pineau's complete disagreement with western policy toward communism and the increasing tension in the middle east, accentuated the impression gronchi made in washington with his suggestions for a shift in western planning toward stronger economies to eliminate weaknesses within the military pacts.

pineau's statement about western policies struck with harsh impact in the u.s. and canada. in this light, the obvious goodwill of president eisenhower and secretary dulles for gronchi and italy assumed still more significance. with france's position in north africa a major factor in middle east tension, the role italy should play in mediterranean strategy became increasingly important.

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add night lead gronchi ottawa)hfr) x x x important.

conferences monday in ottawa with prime minister louis st. laurent and other high canadian leaders will give gronchi an opportunity to learn how much canadian support he can expect for his appeal for a stronger voice for italy in western planning, especially in the mediterranean.

events seemed almost engineered to add stature to gronchi's analysis of western problems. he told eisenhower, dulles and the u.s. congress that the weakness of one ally weakened the whole atlantic community. today, washington commentators were studying the implications of turkey's economic situation in the face of a u.s. refusal of a loan and insistent russian blandishment about the aid that would be forthcoming from the east if turkey should turn her back on her western commitments.

the turkish problem was a perfect example of what gronchi outlined in washington as one that the atlantic community should undertake as a whole to solve, lest one nation's economic strains mushroom into a major defect in western cohesion.

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third night lead gronchi (hfr) ottawa x x x cohesion.

at the same time, in karachi, dulles was to hear from britain and others the identical argument advanced by gronchi-- that the military pact must be strengthened by broad economic planning to achieve western goals.

gronchi got no firm commitments that the u.s. would take concrete steps to develop economic ties in its military alliances. but the dulles tour of south asia and the far pacific was looked in washington as a necessary study tour from which can be drawn a +reshaping+ of american foreign policy in economic and political as well as political fields.

dulles said the tour would enable him +to appraise at first hand the new soviet and chinese communist tactics and i will perhaps come back better prepared and more fully informed to help to shape united states policy to take account of those new facts.+ it would be no great surprise in washington if, by gradual degrees, western policy is shaped toward that outline so eloquently pressed by gronchi.

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urgent (ro)

by edward depury

washington, march 3--(up)-- the united states has agreed to more frequent consultations on foreign policy with its partners in the nato council as the result of the visit of president giovanni gronchi here this week, according to official sources.

the sources said this is one of the concrete results achieved during gronchi's visit.

they recalled that statesmen of other nato countries, such as norwegian foreign minister halvard lange, have long complained of inadequate consultations on foreign policy in the nato council, especially when the united states developed a new policy. they said other concrete results are--

1. economic aid to underdeveloped areas within the nato orbit will in future be regularly discussed at nato council meetings. these areas would include southern italy and presumably algeria which is within the nato orbit.

while loans for the development of southern italy are expected to come chiefly from the united states, other nato countries would also be expected to contribute what is possible whether by loans or technical knowledge

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ln163/ux21 rush

add gronchi washington x x x knowledge.

the international bank about next june is expected to grant another loan of around dollars 70,000,000 to help develop southern italy.

the fact that this bank has such faith in italy's ability to repay loans is considered to be a good augury for private foreign investment in italy.

2. the coordination of the economic efforts of the nato nations in the middle east and in southeast asia will also receive in future high priority in the nato council meetings, as a result of gronchi's visit.

gronchi and president eisenhower are reported to have agreed this coordination is of great importance in view of soviet efforts to launch their own so-called economic aid programs in those areas where the communist menace is considerable.

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ln163/ux22

third gronchi washington x x x considerable.

italy is known to be particularly interested in any joint economic programmes in the middle east area because italian engineers and other technicians have had considerable experience in the countries there.

the sources revealed that the delicate matter of foreign oil investments in italy was discussed and it was pointed out to gronchi that such investments could only come if there was no discrimination in italian legislation against foreign investors.

they said that a favourable climate for united states oil investments in italy would undoubtedly be an incentive to investment in other areas of the italian economy.

the impression here is that gronchi will consider with an open mind the question of united states oil investments in italy which is a highly political question there. it is believed gronchi is generally favourable to all kinds of foreign, especially united states, investments in italy.

from the united states viewpoint many millions of dollars could probably be invested in oil exploration in italy if such investment were encouraged.

at any rate gronchi was told the united states would be +extremely responsive+ if the proper atmosphere for investments is created in italy.

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bulletin

ottawa, march 3--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy arrived at 12.30 pm. (1730 gmt) by train from washington today for a weekend state visit and an address to the canadian parliament monday.

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urgent (ro)

1st night lead gronchi

ottawa, march 3--(uo)-- a 21-gun royal salute boomed out across the capital today to mark the arrival of president giovanni gronchi, the first italian chief of state to visit ottawa,

gronchi arrived with a party of 16 aboard a special train which picked up time after a late arrival of his regular washington train at montreal, and steamed into the gloomy old union station at 12.30 pm. (1730 gmt).

a special ramp was built on the station platform so gronchi could step off his private car without having to climb down steps to meet governor-general vincent massey in a blaze of television, newsreel, and press photographers lights. a 100-man guard of honor was drawn up inside the station.

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ln169 rush (ro)

add 1st night lead gronchi ottawa x x x station.

prime minister louis st. laurent met gronchi as he stepped from the train and welcomed him in french saying +its a great pleasure to have you here, sir.+

mrs. st. laurent presented madame gronchi with a bouquet of red roses.

governor general massey introduced members of the canadian cabinet to gronchi and a.h.j. lovink, netherlands ambassador to canada and dean of the diplomatic corps here, who introduced the heads of foreign missions.

gronchi said it was +a great pleasure+ to visit +your noble and grand country.+

he moved into the station and inspected the guard of honour. while the band played the italian national anthem, flags of italy and canada were broken from two temporary flag staffs set up in the concourse.

several hundred ottawans, most of whom were in the station to meet trains, lined one side of the concourse, but the official party took up so much room that few outsiders could get in.

gronchi inspected the guard at a brisk pace and returned to chat with massey a moment before leaving by limousine for government house.

as he finished inspecting the guard, he nodded and smiled with satisfaction.

wd1828

ln189 with gronchi

ottawa, march 3--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy was welcomed to ottawa today by laudatory newspaper editorials emphasizing his desire for greater cultural and economic cohesion among members of the north atlantic treaty organization.

the ottawa journal said:

he will be received by the leaders of government in canada, a democratic state whose methods of government are appreciated by a man who knew and resisted mussolini's fascism. he will be received by the members of the senate and house of commons and will have opportunity on monday, to speak to them publicly of the hopes and ideals his country shares with canada.

+well may the bands play and the flags fly as we give greeting to the president, our guest. such visits do us honour and, more than that, they give opportunity for consultation and understanding between two nations who respect each other.+

the ottawa citizen said:

+to weaken communist influence at home and internationally, signor gronchi urges greater vigour in italian social reforms, a fresh approach to the reunification of germany, the closer integration of western europe, and more action under nato's article 2 on economic as well as military cooperation.

+the views he has come to expound are likely to find a keen appreciation in ottawa, and the unprecedented prosperity of italy is conducive to the increase in foreign trade and investment for which he asks.+

wd0817

ln 23 rush--afternoon lead gronchi (ro)

by norman j. montellier.

ottawa, march 4--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy arrived for a weekend state visit yesterday and immediately began cementing italian-canadian relations in a round of official engagements.

the silver-haired president conferred privately with governor general vincent massey, his host for the visit, at government house and later met members of the canadian senate and house of commons at a reception in the lofty high-windowed main committee room on parliament hill.

+the contacts i will have with the responsible officials of canada will serve not only to make the collaboration between our two countries more intimate and efficient, but will contribute also towards the cohesion of the west, and be a guarantee of progress for all peoples in peace and in justice+, gronchi said on his arrival by train.

after a quiet afternoon at government house with massey, gronchi stood bareheaded before the national war memorial in downtown ottawa. the thrice-decorated world war i veteran, who first was a colleague of mussolini and then fought his fascist dictatorship long before world war ii, laid a wreath at the memorial to honor the canadian dead of both wars.

the gronchi-massey conference was entirely private. as the queen's personal representative in the canadian capital, massey keeps informed on the opinions of world leaders on international affairs and their domestic problems, but acts only on the advice of the canadian cabinet.

gronchi, on the other hand, has converted the figurehead office of the italian presidency into a policy-declaring post.

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ln 25 (ro)

add afternoon lead gronchi ottawa x x x post.

in a colorful and solemm afternoon ceremony, gronchi made italy's tribute to canada's dead of both world wars in a wreath-laying ceremony at the towering 70-foot national war memorial which stands in connaught square in front of parliament.

the president was received at the monument by hughes lapointe, minister of veterans affairs and postmaster general, and national defense minister ralph campney. they escorted him up the first steps of the memorial--a tall arch over a gun carrier representing canadian fighting forces, and surmounted by bronze statues of peace and freedom.

a royal salute by the 100-man guard of the second battalion of the canadian guards was followed by the playing of the italian anthem. gronchi inspected the guard and then, aided by two wreath bearers, placed a circular floral piece on the memorial, hewn from canadian granite, and unveiled by the late king george vi in 1939 on the eve of world war ii.

as gronchi stood stiffly erect and the guard snapped to +present arms+, the red-coated, bearskin-hatted canadian guards band played the canadian anthem +o canada+, and then +god save the queen+, while traffic around the memorial circle came to a dead halt and passersby froze to stillness.

the 15-minute ceremony was a precise drill which attracted hundreds of ottawa citizens, drawn outdoors by a beautiful sunshiny day with a spring-like tinge, except for the freezing temperature.

from the moment the president drove into the parliament grounds across the street and was taken to sign the special visitors books in the offices of the speakers of the senate and house of commons.

gronchi was greeted by both speakers, wishart mcl. robertson of the senate, and l. rene beaudoin of the house, and their wives. the aide-de-camp of governor general vincent massey escorted gronchi to the memorial and parliament.

gronchi expressed his delight in the striking architecture of the norman gothic parliament, built in 1916, to replace the original parliament building destroyed by fire. the canadian parliament has been housed here since confederation in 1867.

at 1700 gmt, gronchi was escorted to the railway committee room, the largest hall in the building. it was cleared of its tables and chairs to accommodate a reception given by the two speakers for members of parliament.

br 0150

In 104 rush (ro)

by james r. nelson.

ottawa, march 4 --(up)-- president giovanni gronchi was guest of honor last night at a glittering state dinner and reception accorded him by his host, governor-general vincent massey.

gronchi and his wife received nearly 200 guests at government house.

a highly placed canadian dignitary said during the party he was +tremendously impressed+ by the italian president.

+the more i see of him in the few hours since his arrival here today, the more i am struck by his quiet personality, his understanding of world affairs, and the ideas he advocates,+ he said.

the individual, who would not be quoted by name because of his position was one of those with whom gronchi will hold high-level conference during the next two days of the italian state visit.

the party at government house was marked by the selectness of the guest list. only the cream of ottawa administrative and diplomatic corps attended.

it was also marked by its color. mme. gronchi wore a black taffeta strapless gown with bouffant skirt and turquoise sash and gloves setting off the natural blonde coloring of her hair. the hostess, mrs. lionel massey, daughter-in-law of the governor-general, wore a white lace and tulle gown.

mme. louis st. laurent, wife of the canadian prime minister, wore an off the shoulder gold lame gown with a draped bodice and skirt ending in a short train.

the male guests wore white tie, with mr. massey wearing the neck ribbons and cross of the order of the companions of honor, and the breast badge of the knighthood of the order of st. john of jerusalem, and gronchi wearing a green and orange sash under his white vest.

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ln 105 add gronchi ottawa x x x x vest.

a rainbow of colors was worn by the other women present. the men's costumes were brightened by the sashes of the diplomats and the scarlet and pale blue jackets of the governor general's aides de camp and gentlemen of the household.

about 40 guests attended the state dinner. the guest list was limited to an intimate party who were thus enabled to get to know the italian president better, most state dinners of this kind run to about 100 guests.

government house officially declines to make public the dinner menu in order to avoid invidious comparisons, but it was learned that the guests feasted on consomme, lobster thermidor, roast lamb with vegetables, and pineapple ice cream, served in the original pineapple shells, in a bed of spun sugar.

mr. massey proposed a toast to the italian president. in accordance with long standing custom in the canadian capital, the toast was not accompanied by a speech. gronchi replied by simply proposing the toast to queen elizabeth in her role as queen of canada.

gronchi will return the favor tonight when he will be host at an official dinner for governor-general massey and most of last night's principal guests at the royal ottawa country club.

gronchi will attend mass at st. anthony's church, the roman catholic church attended by most of ottawa's italian community, after which he will meet members of the community in the church hall. then he will have lunch at the italian embassy with members of the embassy staff and meet italian-canadian businessmen from toronto and montreal.

sightseeing tour was planned for the late afternoon if the weather was favorable.

et 0827

ln209 rush ro
night lead gronchi
by norman j. montellier

ottawa, mar 4--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy hoped today to reach definite conclusions tomorrow with canadian government leaders on concrete action to achieve broader economic cooperation within the atlantic alliance.

informed sources said gronchi and foreign minister gaetano martino were enthused by preliminary contacts last night with prime minister louis st. laurent and foreign minister lester b. pearson. it was understood that the italian president now looked upon the canadian-italian talks as containing new significance, stemming from what was believed to be a +meeting of minds+ on practical steps to implement the sweeping new western program advocated by gronchi in his speech to the u.s. congress.

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add nightlead gronchi ottawa x x x congress.

martino told newsmen that at the atlantic council foreign ministers meeting in paris, may 4, canada would support italy in calling for +broader talks than usual to examine these arguments about developing article ii of nato.+

martino and pearson will go into details about the program for the may 4 meeting when they confer tomorrow and were expected to agree to urge the atlantic council to extend its session beyond the usual period in order to allow a complete study of the views being pressed by gronchi.

the italian officials were encouraged by finding here a similarity of political views among canadian officials.

martino and pearson will meet at 1345 gmt tomorrow and then will join gronchi and st. laurent at 1645 gmt for a four-man discussion.

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ln5 rush (ro)

1st lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

ottawa, march 5--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy, perturbed by reported u.s. criticism touched off by resentment for some remarks by france's foreign minister on western foreign policy, plans to make a special reference to his views on western planning today in the canadian house of commons to clarify italy's position.

gronchi and his aides were concerned by a report in the new york times which reported washington criticism of french foreign minister christian pineau.

pineau had expressed his +profound disagreement+ with western alliances based on military strength. apparently quoting informed sources, the times said: +in official quarters here there was also some resentment at the failure of pineau, and senor gronchi for that matter, to balance their criticisms of conditions as they are with specific proposals for meeting them.+

the times went on to say washington officials stated that pineau was merely expressing a general feeling when he said the west must look to political advances more than military.

but the italian party was concerned at having gronchi's u.s. congress speech linked with pineau on the grounds that the french position is strikingly opposed to the italian stand,

gronchi, a spokesman said, would insert into his canadian parliament speech a reference to the washington reports and then spell out the differences between his and pineau's positions.

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add 1st lead gronchi ottawa x x x positions.

the president was apparently interested in making it clear that while pineau spoke of direct contacts with the soviet union to find a better western policy, italy is committed unshakeably to the belief that the only way to approach moscow is by agreement first among the atlantic community nations and presentation of a united western policy in which there would be no room for unilateral negotiations.

there was some surprise at the report comparing gronchi and pineau because of belief, which had been supported by the comments of u.s. senators and representatives, that gronchi's congress speech had made the italian position very clear and that there could be no confusion between it and what pineau advocated.

the times report, after reviewing this reported criticism of washington officials for the recent suggestions about changed policy, noted that the united states has not yet found any concrete proposals for improving conditions. it noted that the u.s. disarmament adviser, harold stassen, has still not found a concrete national u.s. policy to present to the u.n. sub-committee on disarmament in london this month.

at the same time a study and u.s.i.s. conference to coordinate western educational, military and information programs under article two of nato, has not been able yet to bring forward any concrete proposals.

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ln7 third 1st lead gronchi ottawa x x proposals.

two study groups working on economic integration policy planning have also reported little progress in finding a new method for countering the soviet economic aid offensive.

however, there was belief that after the six european coal and steel pool countries met in brussels march 15 to discuss a common market and euratom, they may produce an impetus for the western planning.

that there did not seem to be any real reason for worry that italy's president was being looked upon with doubt because of his speeches on western policy seemed solidly assured by the communique which president eisenhower and gronchi issued after their conference.

that joint statement had said that the u.s. and italy's president: +agreed on the necessity of further deepening and extending the solidarity among the members of the north atlantic community through increased co-operation among them in all fields.+ that formally stated agreement seemed to make it clear that gronchi's washington conference did not cause any resentment at the highest level.

gronchi told pressmen earlier that he hoped to reach definite conclusions today with the canadian government leaders on concrete action to achieve broader economic cooperation within the atlantic alliance.

(pickup)

gm0032

In 47 afternoon lead gronchi (ro)

by norman j. montellier.

ottawa, march 5--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy goes before the canadian parliament today to outline the kind of unified western action he thinks can throw back the soviet union's economic aid offensive.

encouraged by canadian support for his views on the need for broader economic cooperation within the atlantic community, gronchi planned to speak bluntly about the difference between italy's views and france's.

it is noteworthy that canadians have welcomed gronchi with a sentimental warmth that outdoes even the warm and friendly greeting he got in washington. to canadians, gronchi is promoting action that foreign minister lester pearson has long supported. more than that, the canadians were the first to remind the italians that it was the late premier alcide de gasperi, in ottawa for a n.a.t.o. conference in 1951, who launched here the idea of vigorous economic collaboration to give the fullest value to the military alliance.

for gronchi, the visit to canada may well be the most profitable of his north american tour. from it may emerge understandings for joint italian-canadian action at the atlantic council paris session in may which will give italy a new importance in western planning.

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In 48 add afternoon lead gronchi ottawa. xxx planning.

gronchi's last day here will be a busy one. he planned to work early on his parliament speech, making changes to allow him to clarify his views which were reported to have stirred some washington criticism after french foreign minister christian pineau's policy speech had stirred congressional resentment.

at 1530 gmt, foreign minister gaetano martino will leave gronchi at government house to drive to parliament's +east block+ and a 1345 gmt conference with pearson. at 1645 gmt gronchi will arrive at parliament to be greeted by premier louis st. laurent and be escorted to his office for a private talk. martino and pearson will join them later to make it a four-man discussion.

at 1730 gmt, the premier and mrs. st. laurent will entertain the italian party in the famous +room sixteen+ of the building which once was the members private bar and was preserved as a private meeting room when parliament was rebuilt after a fire.

at 1930 gmt, gronchi addresses a joint session of the senate and house of commons. he will be escorted into the chamber by w. ross macdonald, the leader of the government in the senate, and will be introduced by st. laurent.

gronchi will leave at 2000 gmt for government house to complete packing for his departure by special military plane at 2115 gmt for detroit. he is due to reach detroit about 2315 gmt.

on arrival in detroit, ahead of schedule because of a last minute decision not to take the ottawa-detroit train which would have meant an overnight journey, gronchi will go directly to his hotel. he will dine there privately and begin his detroit program as scheduled tuesday morning.

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ln233 rush

add first night gronchi ottawa x x x policies.

for italy, the gronchi speech to the canadian parliament amounted to an announcement of full success for the president's north american mission--to foster goodwill and at the same time gain for italy a more responsible place in western councils.

gronchi spoke bluntly against the pineau advocacy of direct talks with moscow to +pierce the iron curtain.+ the only way the west can negotiate with the east, gronchi said, is through the western alliance, by unifying the western viewpoint and fix +joint policies+ with a dynamic and flexible character that can counteract the changing communist tactics.

he criticized the +mental attitude+ that western dealings with the east could be left to the big three--the u.s., britain and france. instead, he said, the +general interest of western solidarity+ demanded fuller consultations within the western community.

+i have noted with pleasure,+ he said, +that on this side of the atlantic there is now general agreement on the need to associate all members of the atlantic community in the responsibility of proposing and elaborating solutions for the major problems of our time, and in the effort to achieve in harmony the realization of such solutions.+

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ln240 rush

third first night lead gronchi, ottawa x x x solutions.

gronchi said that he could feel justified in returning to italy with +the reconfirmed and increased certitude that italians are not alone in their efforts for a better future, for liberty and peace in the world and prosperity for our peoples.+

the references to pineau's speech, while not mentioning france specifically, were included by gronchi to eliminate any possible confusion in washington or ottawa that the italian and french views of western policy were the same. gronchi felt the basic difference was in the french belief that bilateral dealings with moscow could achieve results. he made it abundantly clear that italy will not deviate from the belief that the west must stand united in policy and approaches.

his final round of conferences with premier louis st. laurent and foreign minister lester pearson won italian-canadian agreement to make the atlantic council meeting in may one concentrated on proposals for expanding nato into a broad political, economic and social alliance.

more wd2053

In 245 fourth first night lead gronchi ottawa x x x x alliance.

gronchi said he had outlined to st. laurent and pearson some aspects of the italian situation and +in particular, i have told them that my country after the extraordinary effort of reconstruction, is now engaged in a work of renewal and development without precedent in its recent history. to accomplish this work, which is being carried out in a regime of pure liberty and democracy, italians must be able to rely upon two indispensable conditions -- maintenance of peace in the world and the solidarity of friendly and allied countries.

+to reach these objectives, of which the latter is really the means for attaining the former, the talks we have had this morning have confirmed the comforting certainty that we can work in full harmony, on the concrete terrain of early achievements.+

gronchi stressed the +spontaneous and common agreement on the method of approach to various problems+ found in canada and said the basis for italian-canadian solidarity must be the atlantic community.

+this solidarity is perhaps the closest existing among members of the pact which unites so many countries of the west, from europe to this continent, because the interpretation which italy and canada give to the general principles of nato does not reduce its significance to a mere diplomatic instrument or to an exclusively military alliance, it extends it, in full agreement, to all other requirements suggested by the new course of international events,+ he said.

he said article two of the nato agreement pointed the way for this development of international relations by strengthening free institutions and promoting conditions of stability for all.

(more) et 2111

In 249 fifth first night lead gronchi ottawa x x x x for all.

+as a logical consequence,+ he said, +the treaty between free peoples must be rendered always more capable of expressing not only the language of force, but also that of truth and of right.+

the west, he said, must depend not only on its military alliance but also on membership +in a real community+ because the times are such that no nation can live independently of others. the failure of all to recognize this interdependence of nations is to blame for +the evils from which our era suffers,+ he said.

the western nations, he continued, long ago recognized +that the way of international solidarity is the only path to follow in order to safeguard liberty and, with liberty, the possibility of civil and social progress for all peoples. the atlantic treaty has, from this point of view, something that is unique -- never before has such an imposing array of nations, so diversified in their resources yet so uniform in their ideals, merged their energies not to fight and win a war but to ensure the victory of peace over war... but what has been done up to now is not sufficient. it is necessary that all nations understand this reality: that with solidarity there can be universal progress and welfare. without it there can be nothing but the prospect of destruction and misery.+

et 2125

11n257 bulletin '' precede (ro)

ottawa, march 5--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy left at 4:28 pm (2128 gmt) today aboard a u.s. air force constellation for detroit after a three-day state visit to canada.

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1n258 urgent (ro)

add gronchi departure ottawa xx to canada.

on hand to bid him farewell were governor-general vincent massey, prime minister louis st. laurent, other cabinet ministers and members of the diplomatic corps.

a 100-man guard of honor from the canadian regiment of guards was drawn up in gronchi's honor at uplands airport. the regimental band played the italian national anthem during the farewell ceremonies.

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1942-1943
Detroit, Michigan - President Franklin D. Roosevelt arrived in Detroit on August 1, 1942, for a visit to the city.

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ln5-ux one urgent (ro)

detroit, march 6--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy arrived here at 6:45 p.m. (2345 gmt) yesterday after a flight from ottawa.

his plane was delayed 25 minutes by overcast. he arrived as a chilling rain and wind swept the city.

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ln 8-ux 3 urgent (ro)

add gronchi detroit x x x city.

a crowd of 150 newsmen, tv camera men and photographers assembled on runway when gronchi arrived. he walked briskly to the terminals, where 25 boy scouts, waving american and italian flags, lined up to meet him.

gronchi then was met by members of the +citizens committee for the visit of gronchi+, and among those greeting the president, were joseph dodge, former budget director and now special assistant to the president of the u.s., and the hon. louis c. miciani, president of the detroit common council, dr. antonio carloni, consul for italy in detroit, walker sisler, president of the detroit edison company, and the rt. rev. celestine j. steiner, s.j., president of the university of detroit.

as gronchi was introduced to members of the committee, the detroit police band began playing the italian national anthem, and then the u.s. national anthem and the italian president then was whisked away in a motorcade toward detroit. the airport is some ten miles southwest of detroit.

br 0033

ln37 (ro)

third gronchi, detroit x x x detroit.

detroit mayor cobo, expected to be in the welcoming group at the airport, did not appear.

gronchi and his party went to their hotel and remained secluded lastnight.

the press plane following gronchi, scheduled to arrive at 9 p.m. (0200 gmt) was delayed by bad weather.

the detroit free press, in its tuesday edition, featured an editorial on gronchi's arrival. it said:

+detroit's welcome mat is out for president giovanni gronchi, of italy, who is today a guest of this city. president gronchi comes here during his goodwill tour of the united states in which he seeks to cement the friendship of our two countries and to strengthen the ties of alliance that are so necessary for the free world.

+it is fitting that detroit should play host to such a distinguished visitor from italy because our fellow citizens of italian origin and descent have contributed so much to every phase of our community life. in giving him the welcome he deserves, we are honoring president gronchi, the people of his country, and our own splendid italian-american detroiters as well.+

gm0249

ln 27 (ro)

(with gronchi)

detroit, march 6--(up)--itinerary of italian president gronchi on tuesday.

9 a.m. (1400 gmt)--go to chrysler-plymouth engine plant eight miles northeast of heart of detroit. k.t.keller, chairman of board of chrysler corp., c.o. thomas, president of chrysler export division, and john mansfield, president of chrysler-plymouth division, are to welcome gronchi.

9.35 a.m. --gronchi and party will inspect auto production at plant.

10.15 a.m.--gronchi will leave plant for general motors technical center, four miles away. will be welcomed there by carl h. kindl, vice-president, and john gordon, vice-president of g.m.

10.30 to 11.30 a.m.--inspection tour of research and styling division of technical center.

11.30--leave center and go to detroit athletic club passing university of detroit campus enroute. rest period at club.

12.30-2 p.m.--lunch at detroit athletic club. sheldon b. daume, president of detroit board of commerce will be host. mayor albert e. cobo will welcome gronchi, who will make brief response. fifty of detroit's industrial leaders to attend luncheon.

12.30-2 p.m.--mrs. sheldon daume will be hostess at separate luncheon for ladies attended by wives of welcoming committee members as well as wives of italians.

2.15 p.m.--official reception by mayor cobo at mayor's office. gronchi will hold press conference in mayor's office.

2.45 p.m. --return to statler hotel.

3.15-3.30--meet with michigan gov. g. mennen williams.

3.30-5 p.m.--gronchi will rest in hotel room.

5.00-5.30 p.m.--meet with labor leaders in statler presidential suite.

6.30-7 p.m.-- rest period.

7.30-8.00 -- meet with members speakers table.

8.00-10.30 p.m.--civil dinner at statler.

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itinerary for march 7.

9.30 a.m.--leave hotel to ford motor company, dearborn.

9.45-11.00 a.m.--tour ford plant.

11.15--leaves from airport for san francisco.

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ln25 (ro)

with gronchi

detroit, march 7--(up)-- gov. g. mennen williams of michigan assured president giovanni gronchi of italy yesterday of the detroit industrial area's full support for closer trade relations, a reduction of tariff barriers and repeal of the immigration restrictions.

williams met the italian president at his hotel statler suite for a 15-minute discussion of problems centering around the need for closer economic cooperation, the program which gronchi has pressed with notable success in washington and canada.

williams said +we had a very pleasant and interesting talk about the economic relationship of our two countries and the necessary connection between the economic and political situations. we discussed such things as the 10-year development program in italy and also the question of increasing public and private investment in italy.+

the president emphasized that the time for outright grants is over and this is the time to build up investments. he emphasized the stability of their political economy and the necessity to lower tariff barriers.

+i told him that the whole detroit area was interested in more liberal trade and a lowering of tariff barriers. i pointed out to him miss similla burns is on my displaced persons and refugees committee and that we are working hard to repeal the mccarran-walter act which 'of course' is an impediment to our friendship and a detriment to the improvement of the economic situation in italy.+

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gm0215

ln37 add williams (with gronchi) detroit x x x italy.

williams and the president met without formality and the governor had his guest laughing heartily at his quips about news photographers. when a cameraman referred to the governor's green and white polka-dot bow tie, gronchi asked william what the comment meant.

williams promptly pulled off his bow tie and handed it to the president with the statement: +this is my gimmick.+ he meant that the bow tie is a political trade mark with him and when gronchi laughed loudly at this explanation williams insisted that the president keep the tie.

williams left the conference tieless.

gronchi told newsmen that their conference had centered around italy's desire for more investments and he repeated that the country's stability now offers american public and private capital profitable opportunities.

+we no longer have a need for outright aid,+ he said. +but italy wants to do as much as possible with its own efforts and resources.+

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ln38 (ro)

third williams (with gronchi) detroit x x x resources.

he said italy's agrarian reform program would be one example of a field for u.s. public investment through italian agencies which could utilize long term loans to carry out the program which has the aim of modernizing farm production and also of giving italian farmers a new economic stability +in which they will be less subject to certain influences which advocate different systems, such as communism.+

gronchi said +we are in a 100-per cent solvent condition in regard as such loans and we will be in a position to return every cent as we have done for every loan.+

he said private investments could be made through shareholding in italian companies or through absorption by the u.s. market of loans based on the issuance of securities, he said increased trade would also favor itali -american cooperation.

gronchi said he would not answer political questions about communism but emphasized, +the democratic stability of italy faces no serious danger and this stability will only increase in the future. what we ask is confidence in the democratic leaders of italy because if this confidence is shown it will assist the consolidation of democratic institutions. if confidence is not displayed we fall back into the vicious circle of the past.+

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ln47 rush (ro)

afternoon lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

detroit, march 7--(up)-- gov. g. mennen williams of michigan last-night pledged his american political efforts for continued u.s. investments in italy and for repeal of the immigration laws he denounced as +basically discriminatory against italians+.

he spoke at a gala dinner honoring italian president giovanni gronchi. to the cheers of 500 of detroit's foremost business, industrial and labor leaders, nearly one third of them of italian origin, the governor urged ever-closer u.s.-italian cooperation to make the western alliance against communism still stronger.

william's endorsement of the chief goals of gronchi's north american visit climaxed a busy day for the president during which he put his appeals for u.s. private and public investments in italy directly to the influential board of commerce, representing most of the area's businessmen.

he also met privately with williams and won whole-hearted support for his program of increased economic cooperation among western allies. later, gronchi conferred for nearly an hour with walter reuther, president of united auto workers (uaw) and prime force in the recent afl-cio merger which combined the power of 15,000,000 union workers. mario buffelino, italian-born uaw executive, accompanied reuther.

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ln48 (ro)

add afternoon lead gronchi detroit x x x reuther.

reuther said +we talked about the union situation in america and the president was interested in knowing about our methods of work, we were interested in getting from him news about the italian union movement.

neither reuther nor buffelino would go into details of the discussion nor its political aspects but it was considered certain that the italian labor situation could not be examined without some attention to the communist union movement.

williams told the dinner audience +we are all grateful for and impressed by the gigantic strides which italy made in her efforts to maintain freedom and to achieve economic stability. few of the devastated nations of world war ii can boast a more impressive record of dynamic recovery.+

but, he said, the +battle is far from decisively resolved+ in blocking the advance of communism and +the next 10 years may be critical for italy.+

+it would therefore be my strongest hope and sincere expectation that the united states, having such a tremendous stake in italian democracy, will continue to provide essential economic assistance over the next few years,+ he said, +such continued aid would be justifiable not only in terms of american self-interest, but also because the people of italy, who support the parties of the democratic center, have given eloquent evidence of their willigness and ability to create genuinely free and democratic institutions and contribute thereby to world peace and freedom.+

(more later)

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ln 63 (ro)

third afternoon lead gronchi detroit x x x freedom.+

williams made it clear he was not talking of outright grants but broader forms of aid, such as gronchi envisions. he said that one field of u.s. investment would be the development of southern italy where projects will +not only be basically beneficial to the national economy as a whole, but also will be potent weapons against the political extremes of left and right that would destroy the free institutions of italian society.+

williams, often mentioned as a democratic presidential candidate, is a potent factor in that party and plays a key role in the drafting of the party's platform or program.

williams said agrarian reform and industrialization would not solve all italys problems. he expressed hope that european integration would ease italian population difficulties but stressed:

+i wish to be placed on record as one american who understands that our present immigration laws are basically discriminatory against italians, and that we could and must, through a drastic revision of these regulations, further alleviate italy's economic problems and enhance our own way of life by admitting to these shores a greater number of those italians whose forebears have contributed so magnificently to the wealth, culture and economic stability of the united states.+

italians coming here, he said, would always find millions of countrymen who have cemented lasting italian-american friendship.

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In 66 (ro)

fourth afternoon lead gronchi detroit x x x friendship.

williams said he was certain that most americans +would willingly accept relaxation of our immigration quotas which would permit further thousands of creative italians to migrate to these shores, in short, genuine friendship of one people for another is more than a word. we must all of us in italy as well as in the united states demonstrate by deed that the ties which bind us together in the international struggle against communism are made of very tough stuff indeed.+ gronchi's visit, he said, should mark +the inauguration of further acts which will guarantee that the mutual respect of these two great nations for each other will be insoluble.+

williams said that italians made their mark in the u.s. by achievement alone+ it is to the eternal glory of many sturdy immigrants that, by coming here with nothing but a love of god, family and freedom, and their honest industry--they have made for their children and themselves a future in america, a future enriched by the great heritage they brought with them.

williams was simple and blunt in appraising gronchi. he said he had followed closely all gronchi's remarks in his tour and +i like what you have had to say.+

gronchi said he had found in detroit a symbol of american industrial civilization which at the same time demonstrated the great development in relations between management and labor, in a climate of respect and personal dignity. +as an italian+ he said, +i am proud of the contribution made to the development of detroit and of michigan by your fellow citizens of italian origin.+

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ln82 fifth afternoon lead gronchi detroit x x x origin

he paid special tribute to the italians and said +you americans of italian origin make a precious contribution which deepens the relations of friendship between our countries. no work is more elevated or worthy than this.+

he spoke with pride of the day when italian flagships would sail directly to detroit down the new st. lawrence canal and expressed hope for greater commercial exchanges of all kinds.

italy in 1956, he said +produces and works more than it ever has in its history+ the aid it has received, including that from the u.s. has been invaluable+ but we have worked hard for ourselves. together this has demonstrated with concrete acts, our decision to contribute to the maximum of our capacity to the establishment of new relations between governments and peoples, and we have done that because of the conviction that without active international solidarity, neither we nor any other country, whatever its form or size, could meet the duties and problems which face us. it is a singular lesson of our epoch that changes in relations of power between nations are strictly accompanied by a growing reciprocal interdependence.

+no great nation can feel so strong today as to do as it wishes toward lesser nations and there is no nation, no matter how small, which can isolate itself from the necessity and responsibility of an active international cooperation.

+on this path of internal and international rebirth, italy intends, with god's help, to continue its efforts, faithful to its mission which through the centuries has always been one of the elevation of humanity. she sees in this great nation an expression of a free human order and a fruitful social organization, more than ever, common interests and common aspirations unite us and it is our duty to so act that this relation will be a source of well being for our peoples and for the rest of the world.+

more jc0859

ln84 sixth afternoon lead gronchi detroit x x x world.+

foreign minister gaetano martino told the dinner that italy's admission to the united nations has wiped out +the injustice of many years+ and was evidence that +italy today has a great number of friends in the world.+

his own missions abroad to the u.s., through west europa and asia and the far east, he said, have underscored +the widespread appreciation which exists for the italian contributions to the cause of peace and of european and international solidarity.+

they also helped strengthen economic relations by which italy will be able to make +an ever-increasing contribution to the welfare of the underdeveloped areas+ and stand as a symbol of a new phase in italian foreign relations +in which italy holds a recognized and responsible position in the western alliance, and at the same time enjoys the widespread expressions of interest and friendship from the great majority of foreign countries, including those which have only recently emerged from a colonial past and which feel rightly proud of their newly attained independence.+

martino stressed that italy's ideals, as well as its economic and political interests, are fully consistent with those of the international family of nations, italy has no external ambitions nor aims other than those connected with a further increase in relations leading to wider exchanges of commodities, to a free movement of persons and to closer human relations.+

he expressed hope for italian development of the peaceful use of nuclear sources of energy and noted how detroit has pioneered in this field through industrial organizations. he urged the creation of +new patterns of international cooperation, including the setting up of agencies and organizations, even at the supranational level+ for this work.

gronchi's visit to detroit was not marred by bad weather. his tour of the city captivated the city. the italian population delighted at the chance to greet the affable president, two of the happiest were high school exchange students from italy, anna maria vichi, 18, of rome, and camillo marazzao, 18, of milan, who reside here with american families until their education is completed.

signora gronchi went shopping this afternoon for phonograph records for her children, maria cecelia and mario. +i call the children every day+ she said +and they asked me to bring them some records from america. but today maria cecilia said +never mind the presents, mother come home soon.+

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ln88 rush (ro)

detroit, mar 7--(up)-- ambassador clare boothe luce hailed italy last night as the country which has made the most brilliant comeback of any nation in the world since the end of the war.

speaking at the gala dinner honoring italian president giovanni gronchi, mrs. luce said +courage and patience are virtues the italian people have shown to a heroic degree in the postwar years. because they were shown so magnificently and because these virtues of the spirit were combined with intelligence, prudence and wisdom, italy has certainly made the most brilliant comeback of any nation since the war. the magnificent progress italy has made is not well enough known, a great deal was done with american help but that help would not do it alone. italy has done it with courage and the industry of the italian people.+

she said the trieste settlement was achieved through the same courage and patience and avoided +what might have been a really dangerous problem in the mediterranean.+

+i think most americans believe that only american help can safeguard the future of italy, +she said, +but no nation could survive if it had to depend for survival solely on one nation. president gronchi has proudly proclaimed and made abundantly clear that the time for aid is finished and that italy is ready now to go on a business basis with the u.s. it will be very good business for both of u.s.+

mrs. luce described italy as +the window and mirror of the west+ for reflecting the general problems of the west and at the same time displaying all the good points of the alliance.

more jc0939

ln89 add luce detroit x x x x alliance.

+italy is in a most profound sense the soul of the west+ she said. +as long as that soul is healthy, pure and resonant, we have nothing to fear. no one probably understands better in the world today than president gronchi what is at stake for the world in the maintenance of the health, and vitality and beauty of the italian soul.+

gronchi received from gov. williams a proclamation declaring march 6 +giovanni gronchi day+ in michigan and also a medallion duplicating the state seal.

louis m. miriani, president of the detroit city council, presented gronchi with an engraved and embossed resolution commemorating the visit on behalf of detroit's 2-million citizens. the resolution paid tribute to the friendly relations between the two countries and recorded that detroit was founded in 1687 by the italian explorer alfonso tonte, who ruled as first governor of the new territory.

ln188/ux33 bulletin'''' (ro)

detroit, michigan, march 7--(up)-- italian president giovanni gronchi ended his visit to detroit today and took off for san francisco at 1703 gmt aboard president eisenhower's former personal plane, the columbine ii. he was due to land at san francisco's municipal air port at 0200 gmt.

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ln199 rush
(ro)

add gronchi detroit xxx 0200 gmt.

gronchi visited the ford river rouge plant today and took a 50-foot ride down the assembly line in the new ford thunderbird sports car.

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ln256 (ro)

(release 2300 gmt)

new york, march 7--(up)--life magazine today carried three pages of pictures of italian president giovanni gronchi's visit to washington.

the featured layout included photographs of president and mrs. gronchi meeting president and mrs. eisenhower at the white house, of gronchi addressing congress, attending a reception in the italian embassy and visiting georgetown university.

ef 2252

ln 23 (ro)

san francisco, march 7--(up)--the san francisco call-bulletin said today in an editorial that president giovanni gronchi of italy will receive +a fine italian hand+ of welcome when he arrives here tonight in the course of his coast-to-coast tour of the united states.

the hearst newspaper said the president will come to a city that resembles +some of the lovelier communities on his native mediterranean shores. he also will find a city "whose history since its beginning is filled with the contributions of his countrymen.+

"we dare say that there isn't a block in san francisco that hasn't on it at least one family whose members can trace their lineage to italian ancestry,+ it said.

+and italian names famous in san francisco business, commerce, politics, the professions, the arts, sports -- they could be reeled off ad infinitum.

+and there are the thousands of san francisco men and women of italian origin or antecedents who have taken part in the activities of the community -- all good citizens who have helped to make san francisco what it is, many of whom have made their way from humble beginnings, even as gronchi himself, and who have worked for the welfare of our city even as the italian president himself is working today for the welfare of his own country.

+signor gronchi has come to the united states, at the invitation of president eisenhower, with the hope of strengthening the already close ties which bind our country to his.

+and nowhere in the united states can he find a better example of the kind of life that migrants from his land have found in america, nor of the manifold contributions they have made to america, than right here in san francisco.

+it is from this background that san francisco extends to him the hand of welcome -- a fine italian hand.+

0153les

ln 31 rush (ro)

san francisco, march 8--(up)--giovanni gronchi, president of italy, arrives in san francisco today (0200gmt) for a two-day visit to one of the largest italian-american population centers in the united states.

in the only pacific coast stop on his nationwide tour gronchi will be met at san francisco international airport by a large group of civic and military dignitaries headed by mayor george christopher.

the president was accompanied by clare boothe luce, american ambassador to italy, italian foreign minister gaetano martino, and the italian ambassador to the united states, manlio brozio.

a feature of gronchi's visit friday will be a motor tour of san francisco's north beach sector where most residents of italian origin make their home. the president's party will stop off at st. peter and paul's church, famous north beach landmark.

president and signore gronchi will stay at the italian consulate here.

the president will have little spare time today. he's due at the city hall at 9.30 where he will be a guest of honor at a public reception.

gronchi will hold a news conference at 10 a.m. (1800 gmt) following which he will return to the consulate. at 12.15 his group will leave for the bohemian club for luncheon hosted by carl wente, president of the california chamber of commerce.

he will tour san francisco after lunch, then attend a reception given by the american foundation for italian culture. at 7.30 p.m. his group will go to the fairmont hotel for the state banquet (dollars 12.50 per seat) to be attended by gov. goodwin j. knight of california and other top civic officials.

following friday's tour of north beach, gronchi will motor across the san francisco bay bridge. he will visit the university of california where he will be honored at a luncheon by university president robert gordon sproul. he also is scheduled to visit the university radiation laboratory.

at 2 p.m. on friday the party will drive to alameda naval air station to board its special u.s. air force plane for new york.

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In 60 rush.

first lead gronchi (ro)

san francisco, march 8--(up)--giovanni gronchi, president of italy, arrived in san francisco shortly after 7 p.m., (0300 gmt thursday) wednesday night for a two-day visit to one of the largest italian-american population centers in america.

gronchi arrived aboard a military air transportation service constellation -- a big white and silver plane reserved for very important persons. the plane was about 55 minutes late due to head winds encountered on the flight from detroit, michigan.

some 1,000 persons were on hand to greet the italian president and his party, most of them had waited several hours. darkness had just fallen when the plane taxied up to the apron at san francisco international airport. an honor guard from the u.s. sixth army was drawn up at stiff attention.

gronchi was officially greeted by mayor george christopher of san francisco and heads of the large welcoming committee, including industrialists j.d. zellerbach and carl f. wente, former president of the bank of america. also present to greet the italian president was maj. gen. riley f. ennis, deputy commander of the sixth army.

maj. gen. earle m. jones, adjutant general of the state of california, represented gov. goodwin j. knight.

(more) 0448les

ln 61 (ro)

add first lead gronchi san francisco xxx knight.

as the italian president and his wife stepped down from the plane they were surrounded by the group of welcoming dignitaries. scores of news cameramen and television and newsreel photographers were present. their photo lights brightened the darkening sky.

the party proceeded down a corridor formed by seveteen crewmen from the italian minesweeper storione, presently at san diego. the italian seamen, standing in two files facing each other at stiff attention, gave three cheers as their president approached.

the seamen were commanded by the storione's executive officer lt. vincent casini.

the italian president, mayor christopher and gen ennis stepped to a low reviewing stand and faced the arrayed sixth army troops while the 60-piece army band played ruffles and flourishes. the band then played the italian national anthem +inno di mamel+ followed by the star spangled banner.

president gronchi and gen. ennis hastily reviewed the 73-man honor guard attired in white gloves and mufflers with white helmets.

the 18-member piece-band of the sixth army dressed in scottish kilts was also on hand.

after reviewing the honor guard, the party stepped into the awaiting cavalcade of 14 official limousines for the 20-mile drive to san francisco. a score of motorcycle-mounted san francisco policemen, with red lights flashing, escorted the party.

president gronchi was to go directly to the italian consulate where a dinner party was scheduled for 8.30 p.m.

at the airport, besides the official welcoming party a crowd of about 500 persons from the san francisco italian community was gathered to cheer the italian president. they carried italian and american flags and the banners of various italian organizations. men, women and children were in the crowd that came out in chilly weather to greet the president.

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ln248/ux32 night lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

san francisco, march 8--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy declared today that his north american tour had convinced him that charges of u.s. imperialism were unfounded and that the u.s. worked only for peace.

meeting the press after a moving and colorful reception at city hall, gronchi said that his visits to the u.s. in 1935 and 1940 as a businessman had enabled him to recognize now the +enormous progress of this great country in the last 30 years and especially since the war.+

+besides economic prosperity, i was pleased to note how unfounded is the accusation so often made against the american people of imperialism, an imperialism which would manifest itself in a will for expansion supported by economic and military force. the people of american want to work for themselves and for all other people and if today they are required to keep their defense apparatus at a high degree of efficiency, it is not with the intention of preparing for war but for peace.

+i have also been favorably impressed in recognizing that the american military leaders, who have the higher responsibility, are convinced in their mission of defending the peace. in canada i found an analogous situation.+

he said canada had linked the anglo-saxon and latin races and cultures and had +crystallized their aspirations and hopes to achieve the better well-being of all.+

+on this side of the ocean, in the united states as in canada, there is a will and a determination to increase and strengthen the cooperation between all countries.+

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ln 250 us 34

add night lead gronchi san francisco x x x countries.+

gronchi was asked specifically about that collaboration and whether it included the soviet union, he replied, +my opinion is that in regard to the great future of prosperity and peaceful coexistence, we must marshal all our hopes. but it is obvious that it takes two to give these hopes reality. the line of conduct of the free countries is, and could not be otherwise, to reinforce this cooperation in all exchanges so that if the other side shows a proof of goodwill and agreement, the reality can be achieved.+

gronchi was also questioned about tariff laws in regard to italian trade and emphasized that his detroit statements about the need for freer exchanges were not intended as an interference in u.s. internal affairs, since he recognized the right of each nation to do what it thinks best.

+but it is most important that all countries reappraise and relax their positions in regard to trade policies and tariffs,+ he said, in order to achieve the economic cooperation necessary for a stronger western unity. he said +liberalization is the only way to achieve a common market, and i believe a common market would mean a constructive method of true working relationships between countries. (more) fhb/2249

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ln 252 third night lead gronchi san francisco x x x countries

gronchi said that it was +our great hope+ that u.s. immigration laws might permit more italians to enter. "we understand the difficulties but we believe that if the true friendship, which has been shown during my trip, is confirmed and translated into facts, a larger cooperation in the field of labor would be fruitful and helpful. italy has much to offer, especially in the field of technical and specialist labor. this is one of the arguments with which we are concerned at the moment.+

at the city hall reception, gronchi told a crowd of some 1500 persons that the welcome would remain one of the outstanding memories of his u.s. tour.

he said the redwood gavel presented to him was +an embodiment of the solid virtues of this young people and of this ancient land.+

+in the course of this brief visit, i will try to find out what the sons of italy have done in california,+ he said. +the little i have seen until now is already sufficient to fill me with proud satisfaction.+

the tribute to gronchi from the city came in the rotunda hall of the city hall, whose dome towers a few feet above that of the national capitol in washington. on the broad granite staircase were aligned uniformed leaders of the knights of columbus, bearing the white and yellow colors of the vatican. alongside and behind them were massed the banners of 24 italian-american fraternal orders and at the head of the staircase stood 24 girls dressed in the traditional costumes of italian regions.

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ln 60 rush (ro)

by norman j. montellier.

san francisco, march 9--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy put his appeal for greater western economic cooperation before industrial and commercial leaders of california last night and heard the state's governor, goodwin knight, express hope for ever-improving ties with italy.

gronchi spoke before a glittering assembly of 1,500 members of italian-american societies from all over california, as well as powerful state agricultural, industrial, and financial groups who listened with attention to his words and applauded him heartily.

the italian president made the same impact here as in washington, ottawa and detroit. newspapers called him +the plain-talking president+ and said that the +flood of latin enthusiasm + which welcomed him provided one of the city's biggest civic receptions. the press commented that gronchi was +surprisingly forthright+ in answering questions.

at last night's dinner at the fairmont hotel on san francisco's famous nob hill overlooking the beautiful bay, gronchi pressed with earnestness his favorite theme--that economic cooperation must be developed among western allies in order to make them strong in their united defense of a common civilization.

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ln 67 (ro)

add gronchi san francisco x x x civilization.

italy, he said again, is proud of the friendship with the u.s. which has been sealed today by the relations of alliance and cooperation stemming from the atlantic pact, by a network of bilateral and multilateral agreements, and finally now by the common participation in the united nations.+

+the prosperity which is important for america+, he said, +is thereby important for the whole world. by the same token, the stability and prosperity of the other countries are important for you, due to the interdependence that now binds nations and continents+.

gronchi once more reviewed italy's postwar recovery and said "she has resumed her strength in the economic field with a vitality which is natural to her and looks today to the future with confidence+.

italy has chosen the international policy of cooperation and solidarity, he said, "as the first step toward wider associations and integrations apt to harmonize the national feeling with broader ideals of peaceful human relationships+.

american industrial democracy and its advances in the social economic and human fields, have been an example that has inspired italy and other nations, gronchi said, but he warned that the natural optimism of people would suffer if their hopes were not fulfilled by concrete actions.

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ln 69 (ro)

third gronchi san francisco x x x actions.

italy itself, he said, has limited natural resources and there +is vitally dependent on foreign trade in its widest acceptance. consequently, real progress can be achieved only gradually, within the framework of a wider and expanding system of international cooperation. it is for this reason that we firmly pursue the ideals of cooperation with other european nations, of atlantic cooperation and of a brotherly and working solidarity with the united states+.

the u.s., he told the california audience, can work in several ways to help the development of the italian economy. businessmen especially, he said, should make contributions +so that policy will respond less to the interplay of abstract ideology and electoral interests and more to the dynamic quality of the permanent economic and social interest of all+.

gronchi also suggested that +many branches of the italian industrial and handicraft production are complementary to your great lines of mass production, and are particularly capable of meeting some of the growing requirements of the american consumer which are attendant upon a steady increase in personal and family income. for several years american consumers have shown a favorable attitude for a growing acceptance of italian products. this gives us hope that the increase of our exports to this great market may continue, and that consequently our large trade deficit with this country may be cut down to smaller proportions+.

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ln 70 (ro)

fourth gronchi san francisco x x x proportions+.

but, the president said, it takes both sides to work out expanded trade and u.s. customs and tariff regulations are sometimes so unclear and even contradictory that +they discourage rather than help our efforts to come into your markets+. he said that quickness with which protectionist reaction is directed against products which succeed in the american market, also hurts italy's trade.

the goodwill of all, he said, could overcome such difficulties at an early date.

gronchi's appeal for better business relations found a receptive audience, as it had in other cities he has visited. +the task of our generation+, he said with fervor, +is not only to defend and to safeguard the perennial values of our western civilization, but also to develop the resources which nature and progress have offered to mankind. there is today, as there has always been, beyond the intricate political and international problems that surround us and beyond the potentialities of science and of modern technique, including those pertaining to human relations, a driving force derived from faith-faith in ourselves, in our friends and in mankind+.

gronchi paid special tribute to san francisco and california, noting that the city was named after +the saint of the italians and the most italian of saints+.

more/br 0642

ln 71 (ro)

fifth gronchi san francisco x x x saints+.

governor knight, making his first remarks and his concluding expression of good wishes in italian, told the president and the distinguished audience, +i am certain that this trip to the united states and the objectives which have prompted it, will do much to increase the high regard that italians have for americans, and that americans have for italians+.

+there is sound reason for the long and enduring affection between the people of the republic of italy and the united states of america+, knight said. +we are all deeply indebted to one another for the development of our homelands+.

the governor, who is one of the top contenders for the republican party nomination for president if there is any question over selecting president eisenhower again, is a potent factor in the party's program planning.

he made special reference to the fact that gronchi's visit to the u.s. included consultations with +leading officials of our government, all with the purpose of improving the cordial political and economic relations already existing between the italian and the american people+.

he said that the u.s. owed its own rapid growth to its natural riches, its political philosophy of individual liberty and profound faith in christianity. but the biggest factor was the people of the u.s., he said, and these meant mostly immigrants.

more/br 0648

ln 74 (ro)

sixth gronchi, san francisco x x x x immigrants.

+more than 80,000,000 people have migrated to the u.s. from other countries during the past 100 years,+ he said. +they have represented a hundred different religions and cultures.... the sturdy sons and gracious daughters of sunny italy have been prominent among the millions who have made the united states their home.

+over the century, our italian neighbors and friends have enriched our culture and our economy by their industry, their thrift, their piety and their loyalty to the american concept of a republican form of government, wherein those who toil are rewarded for their efforts and their sacrifices.

+california is especially indebted to them for the role that they have played in the building of our golden state. more than 100,000 california citizens of today were born in italy. million of our state's citizens are second, third and fourth generation italians. these proud italian-americans are found high in the ranks of every constructive area of human endeavor. they are among the most distinguished men and women in our world of music, in political life, in promoting the peacetime purposes of the atomic age, in finance, in government, in manufacturing, in agriculture, in the sports world, in educational circles, in the church, in civic and in charitable activities, in the professions and in the arts.

+i assure you, (gronchi), that all of the people of the republic of italy can take great pride in the men and women of italian birth and ancestry whose courage, foresight, spirit of adventure and willingness to endure great dangers, have made them such a potent and constructive force in california and in the united states of america.+

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ln 75 (ro)

seventh gronchi, san francisco x x x x america.+

mayor george christopher saluted gronchi again as representing here the country which "was the center of the mediterranean world and which, through the revolution of commerce, industry, trade and the concentration of wealth, set a pattern for western culture. there is hardly an act of human genius which has not had its original inspiration in your italy.+

among the souvenirs gronchi will take with him from san francisco is a gift from 250 italian-americans of tuscan descent who met the president at city hall today. they gave him a marble desk pen set.

frank j. petrini, san francisco supermarket owner and prominent in business circles presented the gift to the president and said -- +we are all grateful to this great american country -- this great american mother -- who received us very young and took care of us with love and affection. but we have never forgotten the love of our mother far away, our beloved italy. on your return home, please take to italy from all of us, our warm greetings and affection.+

foreign minister gaetano martino told the dinner that the western solidarity between america and europe is based first of all on the continuing natural osmosis between the peoples of our two continents.+

(more) et 0724

ln 76 (ro)

eighth gronchi, san francisco x x x x continents.+

italians who have come to the u.s. have played an important part in developing america, he said, and +this example should be followed also in other parts of the world, because it is only through common efforts, sacrifices and understanding that friendship between people can be strengthened and the area of peace in the world be enlarged.+

martino said the italian-u.s. bonds cannot be cut +because they are continuously renewed and strengthened by the unity of aims, ideals and wishes of the american and the italian peoples. italy, just like the united states, is convinced that freedom and human dignity are priceless gifts of providence. italy, like the united states, is determined to defend these ideals. like the united states italy believes in democracy as the only political system which can ensure mankind's progress and well being. like the united states, italy, having taken its place in the family of nations of the free world, accepts the duties and responsibilities entailed by such participation.

+finally, italy, like the united states, believes and works to bring about cooperation, solidarity and peace among all the people of goodwill. our mutual friendship, therefore, is more than an example. it is a symbol for all people, in a world which is still restless, but whose hopes for a better future are based fundamentally on the same ideals which our two peoples uphold and defend.+

et 0730

ln94

rush (ro) ninth gronchi san francisco xxx defend.

ambassador luce told the audience that gronchi+ is the symbol of a great and united italy.

+there is a golden gate+, she said, in an allusion to the famed entrance to san francisco port.

+the golden gate opens toward peace, prosperity and a better world. the golden gate is to strengthen and deepen in every way we can, and with the utmost energy, patience and industry, our ties with those of other friendly countries in the world today. none of these countries is more friendly to us than italy and we are friendlier toward none. there is great work for our two presidents to do in bringing us ever closer together. but the real work is that which only informed and enlightened public opinion can do.

+that is your task. you must keep in mind the needs and the necessities of this great friendly country and remind your political leaders of them. italy is a member of the great, strong, peace-seeking alliance to which we belong. thank you, for having proved to this great president of a great nation that san francisco is the real golden gate of american friendship for her allies.

californias industrialist james zellerbach, recalling his two years in italy as former chief of eca, praised the reconstruction efforts of the italian people and the postwar cooperation with americans, through which +our common bonds became stronger day by day, just as they will as we work together for a better future. it is my opinion that these bonds will endure forever.+

0935ph

ln183/ ux19

san francisco, march 9--(up)-- mrs. clare boothe luce, americas prettiest ambassador, has no ambition to become the nations first woman vice president, she made clear here last night.

the blonde u.s. envoy to italy, here on a state tour with italian president giovanni gronchi was eager to talk on italian-american relations, but newsmen proved more interested in her personal life and ambitions.

suffering from a cold and looking slightly tired, she fended off most political questions until she was asked if she would accept the gop vice presidency if offered. +you look like a very sensible man+ she snapped at the questioner.

cutting off another question from a different reporter, mrs. luce said:

+i want to answer that question.

+no. i am not a candidate for the vice presidency.+

mrs. luce confirmed a story that her husband, publisher henry luce, recently wagered and lost one of her favorite gowns at a dinner party with attorney general and mrs. herbert brownell.

more jc1622

ln184/ux20

add luce san francisco x x x brownell

the bet was of a purely personal nature and the first i knew of it was when i learned my husband had lost. it seems mrs. brownell had admired my dress and so my husband and hers bet it right off my back+ she related.

mrs. luce said she paid the bet off by exchanging dresses with mrs. brownell at another dinner party the following night.

the attractive ambassador said american policies have been +very successful in italy, not so much because they were american, but because the two countries worked so well together.+

she cited the settlement of the trieste dispute and the entrance of italy into the united nations and the western european union as major achievements of american policy.

as for her future as the u.s. ambassador to italy, mrs. luce said she would resign as custom requires when the president, whoever he is, is inaugurated next january. it would then be up to him if she would return to her post.

she said her personal ambition was to return to her home in this country and +write, write about italy.+

+i am certain that when i leave (italy) i will look back on this as the most interesting, and in many ways, the happiest period of my life,+ she said.

jc1626

ln242 (ro)

san francisco, march 9--(up)-- italian president and mrs giovanni gronchi visited the heart of this city's +little italy+ today to accept the cheers and prayers of some 2500 americans of italian descent.

the enthusiastic demonstration was held on the steps of the italian church, st. peter and paul, and the crowd spilled across into the sunlit square facing the imposing structure.

about 200 grammar school children of the salesian parochial school, massed on the church steps, welcomed the dynamic italian statesman and his wife.

the children carried italian and american flags and the red, green and white flag of italy fluttered from lampposts and overhead trolley wires throughout the north beach district. other youngsters carried signs welcoming gronchi and italy's foreign minister, gaetano martino.

martino arrived first with his wife and the italian ambassador to the united states and mrs. manlio brozio, and was welcomed by a song of the school children and by a speech in italian by eighth-grader john del rosso. gronchi entered the church and received a blessing from its pastor, fr. gabriel zavattero.

when he emerged, the crowd broke out into enthusiastic crys of +viva president gronchi,+ +viva martino.+

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evs2016.

ln243 add gronchi +little italy+ san francisco xxx martino.

+with all due respect to ambassador brozio, you are the best ambassadors to this country. you help italy by making america strong.+

he drew the loudest cheer when he affirmed that +italy no longer aims to conquer the world. its strength now comes from its willingness to be the partner of other free countries of the world.

the crowd in its eagerness to welcome gronchi earlier mistook martino's car for the guest of honor and cheered loudly. the school children began their song of welcome and hundreds of people broke through police cordons before order was restored. the throng waited patiently for another half-hour before the official entourage arrived.

following the demonstration at the church, the motorcycle escorted cavalcade drove through the city's financial district and crossed the bay bridge to berkeley. there they visited the university of california and inspected the cyclotron.

after lunch with uc. president robert gordon sproul, the president and his party were to fly to colorado springs from alameda naval air station.

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ln279 rush (ro)

san francisco march 9--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy concluded a whirl-wind 2-1/2 day tour of the san francisco bay area today when he and his party departed for colorado springs, colorado, at 2145 gmt.

a military air transport service constellation carrying the gronchi entourage departed from alameda naval air station across the bay from here.

jc2206

ln 285 (ro) rush.

add gronchi san francisco xxx here.

president gronchi and his party departed after a two-hour luncheon at the home of dr. robert gordon sproul, president of the university of california, at berkeley. a convoy of a dozen motorcycle police, with red lights and sirens screaming, escorted the party to the air station.

the procession stopped traffic in crossing the mid-town section of oakland as it wound its way around halted cars and sometimes weaved to the wrong side of the road.

there was little ceremony at the air station where the glistening silver and white constellation waited in front of the operations building. president gronchi and u.s. ambassador clare boothe luce shook hands with a comparatively small group of state department and consular officials.

the navy was represented by rear-adm. robert f. hickey, commander of fleet air, alameda, and capt. louis e. french, commander of the air station.

eight smart side boys in dress blues stood stiffly at attention at the bottom of the ramp to the plane and a boatswain's mate piped the visitors aboard in a slightly incongruous naval touch to an air trip.

the plane took off into clear and sunny skies.

2330les

ln 4 (ro)

(with gronchi's opera party)

new york, march 9--(up)--following tomorrow's gala performance at the metropolitan opera. mr. lauder greenway, chairman of the board of the met and the officers of the company will give a reception in honor of president and signora gronchi at sherry's restaurant on the first floor of the metropolitan opera house.

invited to the reception and the supper are about 160 persons including the president's party with manlio brosio, ambassador of italy to the u.s. a, clare boothe luce, american ambassador to italy, julia de luca, widow of the famous italian singer, franco lucioli ottieri, vice consul of italy in new york, john f. simmons, chief of protocol at the american state department, rear adm. roscoe hillenkoetter usn, us aide to president gronchi as well as numerous personalities of the new york music world and the italian colony.

the menu, served between 11 and 11:30 p.m. tomorrow night, will consist of:

green turtle soup au sherry
roast sirloin of beef au just
peas a la francaise
vanilla rings with sherry's flambe
petit fours, coffee,

the champagne served will be moet et chandon's famous dom perrignon 1947 vintage which is moet et chandon's best.

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ln32 bulletin '''' (ro)

colorado springs, colorado, march 10--(up)-- italian president giovanni gronchi arrived here by plane at 7:75 p.m. last night (0215 gmt today) from san francisco for a 12-hour rest at this mile-high resort center.

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ln34 urgent '' (ro)

add gronchi, colorado springs x x x center.

gronchi is travelling in the columbine the second, formerly used by president eisenhower and now operated by the u.s. military transport service for vice president nixon or distinguished u.s. visitors.

gronchi was greeted at ent air base, the home of the u.s. continental air defense command, by italian consul giulio belancioni of denver, and mayor harry blunt of colorado springs.

gen. earle partridge, commander of the air defense command, was unable to be present because of a previous engagement but sent junior officers to convey greetings.

gronchi's visit here is for an overnight rest before he begins a heavy five-day schedule of official events in new york, starting saturday night with a gala performance at the metropolitan opera. gronchi planned to dine privately at his swank broadmoor hotel suite at the foot of towering pike's peak.

gronchi's plane arrived as only dim light from the setting sun could be glimpsed across the top of the colorado mountains.

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gm0305

ln35 (ro)

third gronchi, colorado springs x x x mountains.

there was no formal welcome or military honors for the president since his visit here is +unofficial.+ a number of italian-american residents were on hand to greet him, however, lead by mr. and mrs. al dal piaz, who came to the u.s. from trento, italy, in 1920.

gronchi's party planned to make an early morning tour of the springs area before leaving for new york.

the stopover here landed gronchi within a few miles of the richest gold field discovery of all time on cripple creek.

colorado springs was founded in 1871 and grew rapidly when gold was discovered. gold is still being produced in the original field though in small quantities.

gronchi's hotel is at an altitude of 6,107 feet and this section of colorado enjoyed warm spring-like weather and a clear, starlight night.

gm0307

ln 80 (ro)

fourth gronchi colorado springs xxx night.

the state department asked local officials that gronchi's stay in colorado springs be kept +as quiet as possible.+ there was no no formal reception, and the gronchi party motored direct to the broadmoor.

mrs. blunt presented gronchi's wife a spray of american beauty roses.

mrs. clare boothe luce, united states ambassador to italy, cancelled plans to accompany gronchi from the west coast because of a +terrible cold.+

the italian president arrived in the u.s. feb. 20, and is now winding up a tour of principal american and canadian cities.

0621les

ln 75 (ro)

london, march 10--(up)--commenting on president giovanni gronchi's visit to the united states, the liberal manchester guardian said today:

+...the italian president took the opportunity of his appearance before congress to advocate that the north atlantic alliance should henceforth figure as the instrument not only for military co-ordination between the western nations but also for their economic co-ordination.

+this italian aspiration is no novelty, but president gronchi has put it forward at his high level at a moment when united states politicians from mr. eisenhower downwards are remembering how important voters of italian origin are in america.

+the motive behind the italian desire is not hard to understand. the internal communist and near-communist opposition in italy mocks continually at western disunity in civilian matters as contrasted with the close harmony between the nations following moscow.

(more open quotes) 0607les

ln 76 add guardian london xxx moscow.

+whatever can show the italian public that the west is united and not only for warlike purposes helps to answer that propoganda point.

+to that extent president gronchi's appeal for a revised emphasis in n.a.t.o.'s objectives, and the french foreign minister pineau's more boisterous call for a change in western directives as a whole, have common grounds.

+for an italian there is the additional point in favour of widening the scope of n.a.t.o. that n.a.t.o. council is a place where italy can talk on equal terms with all, forgetting unpalatable distinctions of rank between subquote big four unsubquote countries and others.

+the gronchi visit to america has also interestingly cleared up president gronchi's own exposed position as a left wing christian democrat elected to his post with the aid of marxist votes.

(more open quotes) 0608les

ln 77 third guardian london xxx votes

+neither mr. dulles nor mrs. luce, the united states ambassador in rome, has handled this delicate situation of the head of the italian state tactfully.

+after what he said to congress there can be no no more doubt whatever of president gronchi's strong support for the atlantic alliance.

+he wants it to develop new aspects but has gone firmly on to the record as regarding its military aspect as necessary and salutary.

+and he has assured the americans that the italians will certainly stick to the side of subquote western, that is free democracy unsubquote as against subquote popular, that is marxist-leninist democracy unsubquote, interpreting his own leftism as a strong sense of the need for social reform within the framework of a western type of politics.

+if there is any criticism about signor gronchi's political outspokenness it will this time presumably come from the italian extreme left parties to which he has denied the right to call themselves in the western sense subquote democratic unsubquote.

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ln141 rush (ro)

1st lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

colorado springs, colorado, march 10--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy ended his tour of the western united states today and headed eastward to put before new york's financial and business leaders his proposals for greater american capital investments in italy.

gronchi, refreshed by an overnight stop at this famous health resort, plunges into a busy five day program in new york which will conclude his north american tour.

a gala performance at the metropolitan opera welcomes gronchi to new york tonight and in the following days he will contact the key businessmen of the u.s. financial capital to outline how broader western economic collaboration can strengthen the atlantic community's efforts for lasting peace.

in the first 11 days of his tour, gronchi has won high acclaim for his plain-talk, his common-sense approach to the problems of the western community and his straight-forward declarations that italy comes to the u.s. now as a solid financial risk seeking the aid, on a business basis and not through grants, that will fulfill her 10-year development program.

in colorado springs and denver, the small but vigorous italian-american communities said gronchi's visit +has done more for italian prestige than any other single action since the war.+

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ln142 add 1st lead gronchi colorado springs x x x war.+

gronchi's new york visit will include a meeting with governor averell harriman and meetings with a number of businessmen. the warmth of the welcome he has received in washington, ottawa, detroit and san francisco indicated that his new york tour will add a final touch of success to his goodwill mission.

the italian-american population of new york planned a series of tributes to gronchi, including a formal banquet at the waldorf astoria sunday night. on sunday morning he will attend mass at st. patrick's cathedral and then lunch privately with francis cardinal spellman.

on monday gronchi will be honored by the traditional civic parade up broadway to the city hall where mayor robert wagner will award him a certificate of merit for public service. wagner will then be host at a lunch for gronchi when several hundred of new york's most eminent businessmen will hear gronchi outline how american investments in italy can benefit both countries.

on tuesday the president will tour the brookhaven, long island, atomic laboratories to receive another inside look at how western defense are being strengthened by coordinated effort and how atomic energy can be applied to peaceful industrial uses.

(pick up)

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ln 208

urgent night lead gronchi

colorado springs, colorado, march 10---(up)--- president giovanni gronchi and his party, refreshed by a nights rest in this rocky mountain resort city, left petersen air field at 1545 gmt enroute to new york. he was scheduled to arrive there at 2135 gmt.

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ln 212 night lead

add gronchi colorado springs xxx gmt.

the italian president and his party spent the night at the famous broadmoor hotel at the foot of pikes peak. takeoff time was delayed 20 minutes when gronchi and his wife walked out away from the plane with their party to take pictures of the famous mountain with its snow capped peak.

the departure, as was their arrival, was without fanfare--at the request of the visitors. through his interpreter, gronchi expressed regret that +i am unable to spend more time in this splendid city+ he added that he also would like to fish colorado's mountain streams if he had more time.

the weather was clear and the temperature was a sharp 25 degrees fahrenheit. the plane was the columbine ii, formerly president eisenhower's personal constellation.

1620jbb

ln 244
rush (ro)

new york march (10--(up)-- mrs. clare boothe luce, u.s. ambassador to italy was forced today to cancel her participation in italian president giovanni gronchi's official visit because of illness.

mrs. luce's physician dr rosenbluth, said he had ordered her to stay in bed four or five days until she had recovered from an attack of influenza and laryngitis. gronchi is scheduled to arrive here this afternoon and stay until wednesday rosenbluth said mrs. luce was +quite ill but not seriously ill+ at her apartment in river house. he said she was ill when she arrived here yesterday by plane from california, where she had been travelling with gronchi.

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ln 291 rush
ro (with gronchi)

washington, march 10--(up)-- white house aide maxwell m. rabb hurried to new york today to represent president eisenhower at the metropolitan opera's gala performance in honor of italian president giovanni gronchi.

rabb, secretary of the cabinet, was called unexpectedly to accompany gronchi after u.s. ambassador of italy clare boothe luce was taken ill.

the youthful white house official told the united press that he welcomed the opportunity to meet gronchi again and attend the unusual metropolitan performance.

tonight's program will be the first in honor of a visiting chief of state. the highest personalities to have been offered such gala evenings were prince henry of prussia, brother of emperor wilhelm ii in 1902, and the prince of wales, now duke of windsor in 1919.

rabb said he thought it was particularly appropriate that gronchi should have been selected for such a tribute since italy has contributed so much to the world's vocal art.

et 2219

ln 12 rush (ro)

new york, march 11--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi arrived in new york at 2120 gmt last night from colorado springs.

he was greeted by several hundred cheering italian-americans carrying the banners of a half-dozen different italian societies.

ambassador richard c. patterson, new york's official greeter awaited gronchi to extend to him a welcome on behalf of the city. formal city honors will be paid gronchi monday.

when he descended from his military transport plane at marine air terminal at laguardia field, the city department of sanitation band saluted him with a drum ruffle and flourish, and then played the italian and u.s. national anthems.

italian consul general carlo de ferracis also welcomed the president with his wife and daughter, who handed bouquets of red roses to signora gronchi and the wife of foreign minister gaetano martino.

the reception turned into a wild confusion when so many persons surged forward to shout their greetings. gronchi finally left the formal receiving line and walked through the group of welcomers to greet them personally.

he left immediately for manhattan and the waldorf astoria to dress for a gala evening at the metropolitan opera.

gronchi has cancelled the sight-seeing tour from his itinerary today so that he can appear on cbs-tv's +face the nation+ show from 3 to 3:30 p.m. he'll leave the waldorf at 2 p.m. for studio 54 at 111 east 58th st.

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ln 118

by paul moosanyi.

new york, march 11--(up)--the president of italy and signora gronchi attended a gala performance given in their honor by the metropolitan opera last night.

nearly 4,000 persons attended the extraordinary event---signor gronchi is the first chief of state thus honored by the met.

the president's car arrived at the side entrance of the met eight minutes late at 7:58 p.m. (0058 gmt). he was greeted by rudolf bing, general manager of the met, who escorted the guests to the lobby where lauder greenway, chairman of the board of the met took over.

without halting before the assembled photographers the president went right to his box in the center of the first tier.

the party of the president comprised among others the italian minister of foreign affairs and signora gaetano martino, the ambassador of italy to washington and signora manlio brozio, president eisenhower's representative to president gronchi (ambassador luce being ill in washington) and mrs. maxwell m. rabb, dr. mario colestani, personal physician to president gronchi and signor vicenzo de stefano, chief of police to the presidency of the italian republic.

five minutes after eight the president appeared in his box and received a standing ovation by the full house. then the orchestra played the italian and american anthems. at 8:10 the curtain rose to a splendid performance of the second act of traviata in which giuseppe campora excelled as alfredo and leonard warren as germont.

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at 0842

In 119

add gronchi new york x x x germont.

after the first intermission the met performed a new ballet +soiree+ choreographed by zachary solov with music by rossini, arranged by benjamin britten. the ballet was a big success, with oleg briansky receiving most of the bravos.

after the ballet, a number of met stars sang arias by italian composers. the two most outstanding performances were lucino amar's +pace, pace mio dio+ from verdi's +la forza del destino+ and richard tucker's +addio alla madre+ from mascagni's +cavalleria rusticana.+

after the second intermission the met produced a spirited performance of the second act of +il barbiere di sivilgia+ in which roberta peters excelled as rosina and cesare siepi as don basilio.

the gala evening came to an end at 10 minutes before midnight. then the president, signora gronchi, their party and some 160 invited guests moved to louis sherry's restaurant on the grand floor where a supper was served.

the met's intake for the night was 24,259,50 dollars.

at 0845

In 120 (with gronchi)

by paul mocsanyi.

new york, march 11--(up)--during the first intermission of yesterday's gala evening at the metropolitan opera, president giovanni gronchi and his party went upstairs to the reception room at the second floor where red coated butlers served the best moet at chandon champagne (vintage 1947).

the president chatted with some italians and americans--these latter mostly through an interpreter. he then talked for some time with this correspondent about his impressions in america.

president gronchi, who didn't want to be quoted literally, said during this conversation that what impressed him most in the u.s. was the fact that the simple people, grown up in an industrial civilization where the materialistic pressures are very great, showed everywhere a longing toward something spiritual and human.

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at 0848

ln 121

add intermission new york x x x human.

the president thought that this certainly points toward some sort of spiritual and humanist awakening which is most promising.

what he saw was no surprise for president gronchi. he said is was a confirmation of what he had read in the works of american poets and writers who, in his opinion, are best qualified to interpret the people's moods and yearnings and who also, in a way, have a forefeeling of the future.

to this correspondent the present talked french which he speaks fluently and with great precision.

signora gronchi, who wore a black, strapless evening gown, a blue-green scarf and gloves and a string of pearls, said that she did shopping for the children in every american town she visited. she bought mostly toys and a dress for their daughter. she plans to do some more shopping monday in new york.

she understands english perfectly and speaks this foreign tongue with the most exquisite accent.

asked whether she had spent much money shopping, she looked furtively toward the president who apparently was standing too far to be able to listen to this conversation. then she seemed to think for a second and finally said with a charming smile:

+no, not much money.+

at 0853

ln 122 (with gronchi)

new york, march 11--(up)--white house aide maxwell m. rabb, who represented president eisenhower at the metropolitan opera's gala performance in honor of italian president giovanni gronchi last night said in a statement:

+this gala performance in honor of italy's president symbolizes our gratitude toward italy for her cultural heritage which enriches our lives and the many talents she has sent to this country.

+if we were able to help italy with our marshall plan in a moment when she needed our support, she gave us values that cannot be measured in gold.

+the visit of president gronchi has certainly fortified the friendship between america and italy.+

at 0901

ln 242

urgent (ro)

new york, march 11--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi appeared today on +face the nation+, a nationally-televised program in which he was questioned by three top newsmen.

the questioners were elie abel of the new york times, merriman smith of the united press, senior white house correspondent, and peter lisacore of the chicago sun-times. abel began by referring to the problems of the western alliance at this moment and gronchi's references to changing the alliance's emphasis. he asked gronchi to explain his views.

(more) 2024jbb

In 253 ado gronchi new york x x x x views.

gronchi replied italy was not unmindful of western military alliance needs, but he added the recent trend of international events+ is characterized by the +ever-growing importance of the political, economic and social factors+.

the west could not and should not overlook this reality he said.

asked about french foreign minister christian pineau's recent statement for the need for closer contact with russia, gronchi said: +it seems to me that to enter into any contact with the nations of the eastern world those of the western should have a common front and join together in such contacts+.

the president said that the west must form a true community of nations, each on an equal footing, and aware of their positions and responsibilities.

gronchi, asked what role italy could play in the middle-east crisis, said italy was the only country which has no axe to grind with the arabs.

(nh) (more) et 2135

In 254 third gronchi new york x x x x arabs.

+we could not arouse any suspicion and do nothing to arouse mistrust. i think our words might be listened to more carefully than those of other nations.+

he said italy has taken no +positive steps+ to offer its +good offices+ but they were encouraged to try to solve the problem which could be dangerous to peoples of the mediterranean area.

gronchi told one of the questioners +there can be no reception of communist china without being in full agreement with our other western allies+.

(nh) et w2137

In 276 rush (ro)

first lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

new york, march 11--(up)--dr. milton eisenhower, speaking as the personal representative of the president, said tonight that italy was +a pillar of the atlantic community+ who would go forward with the united states in creating new strength in international relations.

eisenhower paid high tribute to italian president giovanni gronchi at a formal dinner attended by 2,500 statesmen, diplomats and leading businessmen and industrialists.

governor averell harriman of new york, former marshall plan director and now a leading candidate for the democratic party's nomination for president, said that gronchi in his north american tour had spoken with +unusual clarity...and unusual wisdom+ as he outlined for the western alliance a +practical way+ to meet the soviet union's new economic-aid offensive.

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ln1 rush

add 1st lead gronchi new york x x x offensive.

salutes to italy and gronchi were unreserved at the waldorf banquet sponsored by italian-american organizations. the praise was lavish for his outspoken statements on the need for greater economic collaboration in the atlantic community and for his plain declarations on italy's determination to work in concert with the western alliance.

gronchi pledged anew that italy's friendship with the u.s. was undying and made stronger by postwar cooperation.

he again declared his conviction, as a result of his tour, +that this nation is really what hundreds of millions of human beings, all over the world, feel and think that it is--namely, a gigantic force in the service of peace and democracy, a source of tremendous hope for the future.+

gronchi urged again freer trade and immigration policies in the western community and told american industrial and business leaders that italy offered them fine opportunities for +cooperation and trust+ in development projects.

more wd0008

ln2 rush

third first (now afternoon) lead gronchi new york x x x projects.

harriman, first speaker at the dinner after mayor wagners welcoming remarks, said +in recent days, we of the western hemisphere have been hearing a voice of unusual clarity--and words of unusual wisdom.

+signor giovanni gronchi stood before the congress of the united states and gave a most penetrating and timely analysis of the position of our western community--one of the finest addresses ever delivered by a foreign statesman. he charted a course for the future cooperation of free people that i believe we should follow...

+it is no accident that clear-thinking statesmanship should come from the president of the republic of italy. throughout the postwar period, i can testify, italian statesmen have consistently supported measures that lead toward european unity and toward closer cooperation throughout the atlantic community.

+president gronchi has been fighting communism a long time. he knows how to do it, and when he tells us that we must fight communism through removing injustice and inferiority within and among nations, we must recognize that is the practical way.

more wd 0011

ln3 rush (ro)

fourth afternoon lead gronchi new york x x x way.

+to meet the great danger inherent in the present soviet offensive, it is most urgent that we of the west act decisively to bring about economic, political and social progress throughout the free world. we must act together to meet the needs for investment, to enrich the channels of trade, and to bring about economic expansion, widely shared--not by a few of the free countries but by all, not by a few people in each country but by all. president gronchi has made us all comprehend more clearly how we should act and that we must act.

+we in america are immensely heartened to hear from you, signor gronchi, of the continued progress you are making in the reconstruction of your country. when i was in europe working with the marshall plan, i developed great admiration for the spirit with which the people of italy were tackling their long-standing economic difficulties. i was inspired last summer, when i visited italy, to see that the progress sparked by our mutual cooperative program has been continuing--and with dynamic vitality.

more wd0016

ln 8 rush (ro)

fifth afternoon lead gronchi new york x x x vitality.

+there are real problems still ahead for italy, and we in america must in our own interest take a continuing active part in helping to solve those problems. our two countries---bound together by long traditions of friendship and by the invaluable contributions to america by so many citizens of italian descent --- have much to accomplish together.

+we welcome you as a friend. your visit has increased the understanding and strengthened the bonds between our peoples. for this, in the name of the people of the state of new york, i express to you our profound thanks.+

eisenhower, the main speaker of the evening, told gronchi:

+it is my privilege, mr. president, to bring you the personal good wishes of my brother, president eisenhower, to express again his pleasure at your most welcome visit to this country, and to represent him at this dinner where american friends of italy, are expressing their admiration and respect for you. the american people have followed your every movement in this country with absorbed interest...

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ln 9 rush (ro)

sixth afternoon lead gronchi new york xxx interest...

+your visit dramatizes a fact of supreme importance: the need constantly to increase understanding and mutual respect between our countries and our peoples. these elements are essential to vitally needed cooperation. for all other cooperation --political, economic and military--can break down, with tragic consequences, unless there is more than superficial understanding of one another's culture, history, problems and aspirations...

+the people of the united states and italy share an unshakeable conviction. we believe that man, as a child of god, is and must always be a person of dignity, that all men are equal in his sight and before the law, that all human institutions and actions must be compatible with these beliefs, and that moral law must ever be the foundation in a government of law administered by men. fortunately italy and the united states are joined in partnership with many nations which hold these beliefs. but they face in the world today a philosophy of a system, which challenges these cardinal concepts... communism asserts that human goals can only be reached by a government of men who rule by decree....

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ln 10 rush

seventh afternoon lead gronchi new york x x x decree.

+in a most heart warming way, mr. president your visit has served to confirm to the american people that which many already know-- that italy, with her heritage of spiritual leadership and intellectual freedom, will not waver in her determination to adhere to a philosophy based on moral law, religious faith, free individualism, and the continuation of the ancient roman tradition of a government of laws administered by men who are truly free.+

eisenhower said that millions of young americans in schools and universities have followed +with admiration+ italy's postwar efforts and +the creation of a new and noble italy in a new europe.+ he said americans +would have understood had italy during those ten years been preoccupied largely with her internal problems. but you and your colleagues have had greater vision than that. you have made italy a pillar of the atlantic community. never for a moment has italy forgotten that it could achieve its aspirations only in concert with others.

+the north atlantic treaty organization, an association vital to human freedom and western survival, was possible of creation only because of the already existing community of interest among its members. it can succeed only as a means of common defense of basic common convictions. it can live only so long as it reflects the common cultural heritage for which your nation was so largely responsible.

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ln52 rush (ro)

eight afternoon gronchi new york x x x responsible.

+we americans salute italy's role as a cornerstone of western european unity. we salute italy's firm resolve that europe can develop its full potentialities only through closer integration and through a constant effort to combat the evils of communism, whether internally or externally inspired.

+i am sure that you have learned from your visit that the united states has been proud of her relations with italy during the past 10 years--proud that we have been allies, proud that we have been able to assist and are assisting italy in a material way to overcome the ravages of war, proud that a respected ally could, with determination, skill and ability, bring about an industrial, financial and agricultural revival seldom equalled in history.

+you, mr. president, represent to us of america the direct continuation and strengthening of postwar italian policy. by it, the italian people repudiated, as unworthy of their great heritage, the excesses of an authoritarian regime and the blandishments of an equally tyrannical communism. italy's genuinely democratic middle-of-the-road path will continue to be an inspiration to europe and the free world.

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ln53 ninth afternoon lead gronchi new york x x x world.

+that policy has produced fruitful results for your country and for mine. from the assurances you have given us we know that, under that policy, we can push forward together, confident of the future.+

eisenhower praised gronchi's personal career in parliament where +each decision has been vital. the road has been hard and much remains to be done. but the rightness of the key decisions taken by your parliament has been demonstrated. the middle-of-the-road policy has been proved the way of wisdom.+

he expressed hope that gronchi enjoyed his visit and +sensed the warmth of our friendship for you and your country.+

+we want you to take back to all your people the assurance that sympathetic interest and friendship for italy exists here at the governmental level, and among all the american people, from coast to coast. especially do we hope your people will know of our gratification at learning from you that italy will continue the enlightened foreign policy which it has pursued since the war.

+a visit such as yours deserves lasting meaning. it must infuse new strength into friendly international relations.+

gm0348

ln80 (ro)

new york, march 12--(up) -- the herald tribune commented (textually) today:

+italy's president giovanni gronchi is welcome in new york for many reasons. the close ties of culture, of trade, of sentiment, of kinship which link the city with the president's beautiful homeland can find a fitting expression in the official and unofficial greetings which are being tendered to him. his own significance, in extending the influence of the high office he holds beyond that of his predecessors in the italian presidency, makes mr. gronchi a man that americans should see and know. and in these last days of his tour in the united states and canada, it may be that he, too, will ponder on what he has seen and come to know here.

+president gronchi has spoken persuasively on his views of the right course for the free nations in this time of changing soviet tactics. before the united states congress, before the canadian parliament, the national press club and numerous other groups, including the television audience, he has expounded his thesis that the west must concentrate to an ever greater extent upon economic, political and social action. if this is not done, as he said to the press club, we might witness a process of political conquest through the conquest of the mind and the heart of people, without the need for a single gun being fired.

+the italian president will no doubt recognize that americans, too, are convinced of the need for a bold and imaginative program of partnership with the uncommitted states to seize the initiative in this new phase of the contest between freedom and red slavery. they will welcome the idea of closer unity among the nato nations in developing and implementing such a program. they would agree with mr. gronchi's statement to congress that sbqt in the new competition of ideology and economic assistance, we cannot hope for the success of our democratic conception unless this gives concrete and factual evidence of its superiority by bringing the will power and the means which, through appropriate action, can remove injustice and positions of inferiority within each national structure and internationally unsbqt.

(ro) add trib editorial new york x x unsbqt

+it would be useful if president gronchi would take back to italy the realization that in broad terms the american people recognize the need for a new western approach. it would be equally useful if he could also take with him a clear understanding of certain american reservations. admitting that, in his words, the conflict between east and west is now pregnant with developments going far beyond the area of such problems as military defense and the balance of power, the united states still insists that these problems are fundamental, and that a disturbance of the balance of power in favor of the soviet union might render economic and political measures by the free world either weak or meaningless. mr. gronchi has assented to this in the joint communique which he issued with president eisenhower. sbqt the present situation does not allow any relaxation of western defense efforts unsbqt americans will hope that in practice, in apportioning the resources of the free nations in a common effort, this appreciation of the continuing need for military defense remains fundamental.

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ln81 third trib editorial new york x x x fundamental.

+in another area, too, it would be well for italian american harmony if president gronchi were to be alert to the reasons why he has been asked so often to explain his phrase, sbqt an opening to the left unsbt, in referring to italian domestic politics. the president has said that he means only that the government should, by its acts, broaden the base of its support, particularly among the workers- that it should, in effect, wean voters away from the communist party and from alliances with it. he denies that this means making deals with extreme left-wing groups, and says that the government should remain sbqt faithful and loyal to the principles of democracy unsbqt.

+what americans have feared is that in italy, as is already partly the case in france, greece and indonesia, the communist party should be first made respectable by association with the non-conspiratorial parties and then given the opportunity to bore from within a popular front government. this country knows that the communist party is not a purely political organization but a conspiratorial mechanism, directed and controlled from moscow. the popular front is the kremlins present tactic. it is being advanced by wooing socialist and nationalist parties in many states and could lead to the same dread end that overtook the popular front governments of poland, czechoslovakia, hungary, romania and albania: communization and total dictatorship.

+it is good to have president gronchi's specific denial that his opening to the left involves this fatal process. when he leaves this continent may he carry with him not only the warm friendship of americans for italy but their earnest hope that his country will flourish in freedom, an honored and valued member of the great partnership of the free nations.+

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ln220/ux22

(rush ro)

by norman j. montellier.

new york, march 12 --(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy said today that there is +no substantial difference+ in the views of italy and the united states on world problems.

after a breakfast conference with governor averell harriman of newyork, gronchi told newsmen: +we discussed international problems and exchanged views on european and world politics. we find ourselves in agreement on all fundamental points and we find there is no substantial difference in the points of view of our two countries. i hope that the ideas expressed from the italian side during this visit will help to cement our relations, not only among our leaders but also in public opinion.+

after harriman, gronchi received a delegation of the new york 1956 olympic games committee which expressed gratitude for italy's organization of the recent winter games. the group was led by harry d. henshelwn chairman of the new york group, with 15 year-old carin cone of ridgewood, new jersey the u.s. national 100 and 200 meter backstroke swimming champion, speaking in behalf of athletes.

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ln312 bulletin ''''

by bruce munn

united nations, new york, march 12--(up)--italian foreign minister gaetano martino said today that his country would be willing to mediate between britain and greece on the cyprus question.

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ln315/ux48

urgent''''

add martino, united nations x x x question.

martino visited united nations secretary-general dag hammarskjold this afternoon, in advance of the official u.n. dinner for italian president giovanni gronchi. he stopped in briefly at the session of the u.n. trusteeship council.

concluding his first u.n. visit, martino met newsmen +informally+ in the u.n. correspondents association press club. over coffee, he made these points:

1. italy wants better relations between her +old friends,+ britain and greece and would be +very grateful+ if asked to mediate the cyprus dispute: but she has not been asked.

2. italy thinks the veto principle is +nonsense+ and should be stricken out of u.n. procedure.

3. it is difficult to say whether it would be better for the united states, britain and france to act directly in the middle east crisis, if necessary, but italy is sure they would act in the framework of u.n. policy.

4. italy was not asked if it was prepared to have next fall's general assembly meet in rome. if they had been asked, he said, the +hospitable+ italian people would have been +very glad+ to have the u.n. delegates there.

5. he hopes to come to the next general assembly,+ if i should still be minister of foreign affairs in italy.+

6. although he had not previously heard speculation that the vatican might apply for u.n. membership,+ if the u.n. really is a universal organization, then this would not be in contrast with the university of the church.+

wd2331

In 306 night lead gronchi. (first nightland for ro)

by norman j. montellier.

new york, march 12--(up)--the city of new york decorated president giovanni gronchi of italy today as a dynamic statesman in the forefront of italy's struggle against totalitarianism and a leader in her rise to a place of high world esteem.

mayor robert f. wagner presented gronchi with the +city of new york medal of honor+ and a citation for his public service at a lunch attended by 500 men of the city's political, economic and professional fields.

the citation to gronchi praised his +distinguished and exceptional service+ and bestowed the decoration on him as +a dynamic statesman and parliamentarian, whose progressive leadership has advanced his nation's democratic renaissance=ardent patriot and resistance leader, who was in the forefront of the struggle against totalitarianism=courageous spokesman for social justice, who pioneered in the political and trade union movements= energetic champion of european unity and world peace, who has restored his country to its rightful place among the free nations= sincere friend, who is dedicated to reaffirming the historic ties which have long united our two peoples.+

wd2302

In 9 (rome)

add first night lead gronchi new york x x x peoples

gronchi spoke again of his observations about u.s. unity built on production and work, public and social minded action and through a vast complex of universities, industrial plants, farms and manufacturing centers. all this, he said, he viewed as +cogs of a huge creative machinery set in motion not only by wealth but also and preponderantly by the enlightened public and humanitarian spirit of the american people.+

gronchi said new york is one of those few places in the world which has a significance far beyond that of an ordinary city. he said the city is a bond between the u.s. and the world as a center of migratory currents and also of a great flow of economic and cultural exchanges between the old and the new world. he extended italy's greetings to new york's 1,500,000 italian-americans and +our admiration for what they have done in their new home.+

he reiterated italy's pledge to work for peace in concert with the western allies and appealed once more for a practical and real international collaboration by which each member of the western community can grow stronger economically and contribute more to the common goals.

"we are now united more than ever by common interests and common aims and it is our task to see to it that this identity of ideals becomes a source of well being for our peoples and for the rest of the world.+ he said.

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ln 10 third first night lead gronchi new york x x x said.

+new york is and will always be one of the most astonishing examples of what the creating power of man can do when peoples of every national or ethnic origin live together united by principles of tolerance, equality and freedom, he said.

when wagner made the presentation to gronchi, photographers swarmed around where the special guests were seated and shouted for pictures. when the mayor placed the medal around gronchi's neck, he said, +with this medal goes the overwhelming love and affection of every one of our 8,000,000 (m) people for you and all your people.+

among those present to honor gronchi were james a. farley, former leader of the democratic party, publisher henry luce, vice admiral arthur struble, commander of the eastern sea frontier, the borough presidents of all five districts of new york and members of the city council.

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fourth 1st night lead gronchi new york x x x council.

wagner told the lunch that new york honored gronchi +because he has personally devoted his entire life to the cause of democracy and freedom of all peoples.+ he recalled gronchi's career and italy's recovery after the war and said:

+it gives us special delight that on this auspicious occasion we can reaffirm the great pride with which we view the raising of the flag of italy in front of the hall of the united nations which stands in the center of our great city. this belated admission of italy into the united nations gives added strength to the free nations dedicated to democracy. and gives new hope to the peoples still suffering under totalitarian systems of government.

+we are gratified that your mission in washington was successful... the highlight of your joint agreement with the president of the united states to further deepen and extend the solidarity of the north atlantic community through increased cooperation among them in all fields, has been universally heralded as a contribution toward the preservation of world peace.+

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ln 12/ux2 (release at 0100 gmt)

afternoon lead italy

united nations, new york, march 13--(up)--secretary general dag hammaraskjold told italian president giovanni gronchi last night that the united nations could trace its origins to 15th century italy.

president and mrs. gronchi were honor guests at a dinner party for 68 persons given by hammaraskjold in the main delegate lounge of u.n. headquarters.

earlier, italian foreign minister geatano martino formally called on hammaraskjold and, in an informal meeting with newsmen, said that italy would be willing to mediate between britain and greece on the cyprus question.

+because your country was split and divided into so many political units, separate and often hostile,+ hammaraskjold told the italian chief executive,+ +your statesmen and your thinkers were led sooner than those elsewhere to discover the technique of international relations, +it is in the italy of the 15th century that we find the origin of an art and of practices which have developed in the course of history to the foundation of the u.n.

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ln 13 add afternoon lead italy united nations (embargoed) x x x x u.n.

+it was there that was first established the practice of negotiating treaties, and that the first rules governing diplomatic procedure were framed.

+perhaps the most important development has been the role of accredited representatives...speaking at the headquarters of the u.n., i would like to mention in passing that, at first, the title of these representatives was not ambassador, but referator...

+the record of your contribution to the work of the organization is already impressive. you have taken your place and made your voice heard at many meetings held under the auspices of the u.n. what is even more significant is that you had freely and of your own accord adopted the spirit of the charter even before you were formally bound by the obligations which it imposes.+

after the dinner, the italian party was escorted by hammaraskjold on a tour of u.n. headquarters, visiting the chambers of the economic and social council, the trusteeship council, the security council and the general assembly hall.

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ln 15 third afternoon lead italy united nation (embargoed) x x x hall.

the menu was consomme madrilene= homard froid with sauce verte= supreme de coquelet de cornouailles a la perigourdin et pommes fondants= petits pois a la française: salade d'endives and gateau glace.

the guest list was: hammarskjold= president and mrs. gronchi= foreign minister and mrs. martino= gen. a. roda military counsellor to the president= minister and mrs. m. lucioli, chief of the office of international relations= e. aillaud, vice chief of cabinet at the italian foreign office= dr. m. colesanti, the presidents personal physician= l. valdettaro, secretary of the legation at the italian foreign office= g. folchi, vice secretary of italian foreign affairs:

also rear adm. and mrs. hillenkoetter of the u.s. navy= italian ambassador to washington and mrs. m. brozio= john f. simmons, u.s. state department chief of protocol= italian ambassador to the u.n. and mrs. alberico casardi= mr. and mrs. a. macchia and mr. and mrs. v. tornetta, all of the italian u.n. delegation.

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ln26/ux7 rush

1st afternoon lead gronchi

united nations, new york, march 13--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy said last night that the united nations must become the world focal point for a rapprochement of political views to achieve u.n. aims.

speaking at a formal dinner in his honor attended by 88 diplomats at the u.n. headquarters, gronchi pledged italy's efforts toward fulfillment of u.n. charter aspirations and said:

+the realization of the aims of the united nations is a fundamental condition to find a higher form of international collaboration within the great family of nations. we hope sincerely that these goals can be attained. it is essential that toward this end all countries, without exception, have the will to realize these objectives.

+this is only possible through a common effort and a rapprochement of points of view, outside of all rigid doctrinary premises.

+it is necessary above all to consider the united nations as the meeting place for a constructive discussion and not as a platform for the defense or the diffusion of particular ideologies. if all countries believe truly in the principles of the charter, this would certainly not be impossible.+

(pickup)

wd0203

ln 56 (ro)

by norman j. montellier.

new york, march 13--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy will visit one of the key united states atomic laboratories today and will end his working schedule tonight with a private conference with nine outstanding american industrialists and businessmen.

gronchi's full schedule brought him into contact with many new york business leaders monday and then into a meeting with world diplomats at the united nations where he renewed his appeals for a broader international collaboration as the best means to ensure peace.

his program today begins at 1400 gmt when he leaves his hotel for a two-hour auto drive to brookhaven, long island, where he will tour the national government's atomic laboratories.

officials of the atomic energy commission, led by chairman lewis e. strauss, will welcome gronchi at the atomic installation and will entertain the president and his party at lunch. the tour will give gronchi a further opportunity to add to his knowledge of u.s. atomic programs, already aided by a visit to the university of california bevatron at berkeley, california.

during his washington visit, foreign minister gaetano martino reached agreement with secretary of state john foster dulles to open negotiations for the sale to italy of an industrial atomic power reactor.

gronchi will return to new york city at 2100 gmt and at 2200 gmt will begin a reception at the waldorf hotel for several hundred american and italian-american figures. the guests will include representatives of all political, economic, cultural or social organizations with interest in italy. new york judge juvenal marchisio, president of the directive committee for the american committee for italian migration, will be among the guests.

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ln80 rush (ro)

add gronchi schedule new york x x x guests.

the reception will conclude at 0030 gmt and at 0130 the president, martino, ambassador manlio brozio and consul general carlo de ferrari's salzano will be honoured at a private dinner at the exclusive links club in manhattan.

the dinner is given by francis s. baer, president of the board of directors of the bankers trust company of new york. the selected guests for the evening will include william k. whitehead, president of the gulf oil corp. of pittsburgh, john w. hanes, president of the finance committee of the olin matheson chemical corporation of new york- w.r. herod, president of the international general electric corporation- gen. lucius d. clay, president of the board of directors of continental can company- james a. farley, president of the board of directors of the coca cola export corporation- h.e. humphreys, jr., president of the united states rubber corp.- admiral ben moreel, president of the board of jones and laughlin steel corporation of pittsburgh- and john mcclay, president of the board of the chase manhattan bank.

more wd0604

ln82 rush (ro)

third gronchi schedule new york x x x bank.

during the reception, a group of americans of sicilian origin will present to gronchi a silver replica of the pen and ink stand with which the united states declaration of independence was signed. samuel de falco, new york state supreme court justice, will make the presentation for the sicilians who have come to new york from several states, under the leadership of andrew farnese, a philadelphia lawyer.

today's program also includes a visit at 2100 gmt by signora martino to the +new york lighthouse for the blind.+ signora martino is president of the italian association for the blind in rome and will be honoured at a reception at the lighthouse headquarters.

number of italian americans have been invited to the reception. both the new york and the rome +lighthouse for the blind+ were founded by the late winifred holt mather.

in the evening, during the small private dinner for the president, signora gronchi and signora martino were to dine with signora brosic and the wife of the consul general.

wd0610

ln210/ux33

bulletin (ro)

new york, march 13--(up)--italian president giovanni gronchi today cancelled his scheduled visit to the brookhaven, long island, atomic plant, because of a + slight indisposition.+ other members of his party left for brookhaven as scheduled, while the president remained in his hotel suite. nature of the presidents indisposition was not immediately revealed. it was believed to be mainly fatigue.

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ln215/ux34

rush add gronchi new york xxx fatigue.

foreign minister gaetano martino and the rest of the party arrived at brookhaven at 1700 gmt. they explained that the president had caught a cold during yesterdays broadway parade. gronchi complained of a sore throat and fatigue after last nights dinner at the united nations.

a spokesman said he was confident the president would be able to undertake all other scheduled affairs today except the brookhaven trip.

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(rome)

nightlead italians.

by norman j. montellier.

patchogue, new york, march 13.--(up)--italian foreign minister gaetano martino, who negotiated in washington two weeks ago for the purchase of a nuclear power reactor by italy, today toured the huge brookhaven national atomic laboratory here to see atomic research in action.

martino made a thorough inspection of the giant cosmotron, a synchro-cyclotron which whirls a beam of protons with energies of 3,000,000,000,000 (b) volts -- half the size of the bevatron atoms smasher at the university of california at berkeley, which he inspected last weekend with president giovanni gronchi.

gronchi did not visit brookhaven today because of tiredness after the taxing program of the past two weeks. but the president received visitors during the day at his hotel suite and was not ill.

of particular interest to martino was the dollars 25,000,000 research reactor at brookhaven, the largest and most powerful ever built for research exclusively. italy last year reached an agreement with the u.s. for purchase of a small research reactor and during the recent visit to washington martino and secretary of state dulles agreed to negotiate the sale of a power reactor to italy.

martino, who said the tour of inspection was extremely interesting, was especially intrigued by the many links between the brookhaven establishment and italy. while he was examining the research reactor, he was told that scientists were then working on the radiation of olive seeds from bari, italy. the seeds will be sent back to bari soon for planting and testing to determine the effects of the radiation on the olive trees.

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ln 9 (ro) (folo gronchi).

new york, march 14.--(up)--a new york journal american editorial said tuesday +in this city with so many residents of italian ancestry, it was doubly pleasure yesterday to extend a tickertape greeting to president giovanni gronchi, both as welcome visitor in himself and as a representative of the ties of friendship between this country and his. since his arrival here president gronchi has shown by simplicity and sincerity his desire to strengthen those ties and his determination to make his country a forceful partner of nato. in a word: benevenuto.+

le0052

ln 15 urgent (ro)

afternoon lead gronchi.

new york, march 14--(up)--dr mario colesanti, personal physician of italian president giovanni gronchi, tuesday night advised the president to cancel a dinner engagement and remain indoors wednesday because of +a slight cold and a little temperature.+

colesanti said that gronchi was +indisposed+ but that he was not ill and +there is no reason for concern.+

+i merely want to be extremely careful because he must leave tomorrow on a long trip to rome. i am anxious to be sure that the president's health will not suffer from that long trip,+ the doctor said.

gronchi sent his regrets to a group of nine outstanding american businessmen with whom he was to have dined wednesday night.

he explained that his doctor advised him to rest but said he would be happy to receive any of the nine men today (wednesday) at 1500 gmt at his waldorf astoria suite for the conversation that was cancelled last night.

foreign minister gaetano martino and other top officials who had been invited to the dinner kept the engagement.

on the doctor's advice gronchi decided not to visit the empire state building today and also dropped a visit to the italian consulate general to meet the staff. but the consulate employees were invited to the waldorf to greet the president and the president will also meet there to confer a decoration on peruvian ambassador victor belauende.

the president's only other engagement, a private lunch in his suite, with u.n. secretary general dag hammarskjold, remained on his schedule.

his departure also remained fixed at some time after 2100 gmt.

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ln23 rush (ro)

add afternoon lead gronchi new york x x x 2100 gmt.

the president had been up most of the day in his suite but apparently was again fatigued by the rigors of receiving some 2,000 persons at a reception last night.

the president joined the receiving line a half hour after the reception began and stood shaking hands for more than an hour. he was in good spirits and chatted freely with the guests but seemed to tire as the receiving line went on endlessly.

he returned to his suite and conferred with his doctor who suggested that he retire immediately to obtain maximum rest before his departure today.

italian ambassador manlio brozio said +there is no cause for preoccupation. this is just an indisposition and we are all anxious to see that nothing serious arises from this slight cold.+

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ln 91 rush (ro)

third afternoon lead gronchi new york x x x cold.+

the last few days of his tour have visibly tired gronchi. during the new york city parade monday he rode in an open car in freezing weather for more than one hour, hatless and huddled in his overcoat but exposed to the biting cold wind. at the u.n. dinner in his honor monday night, gronchi complained of a mild hoarseness and cancelled his trip to the brookhaven atomic laboratory tuesday because of fatigue and the mild indisposition resulting from the monday activities.

a large delegation of italian-americans planned to bid him farewell at the marine air terminal at laguardia airport when his plane takes off. u.s. ambassador john f. simmons, chief of protocol for the state department, and ambassador richard patterson, chief of ceremonies for new york city, will extend official farewells.

gronchi today will confer on ambassador victor andres belaunde, peru's delegate to the united nations security council, the insignia of knight of the great cross of the order of merit of the italian republic.

belaunde was chairman of the general assembly's committee of good offices established in october, 1953, to seek agreement on the admission on new members. he was credited with a leading role in developments that led to the admission of italy, and 15 other countries to the world organization last december.

an italian spokesman said the honor to belaunde was intended by gronchi also +as an expression of appreciation toward all the countries and their delegates who, throughout a long period of years, have exerted their untiring efforts in order to overcome the difficulties on the way to italy's admission.+

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with gronchi

new york, march 14--(up)--italian foreign minister gaetano martino said tuesday night that he and president giovanni gronchi were +highly satisfied+ with the results of their north american tour. and that +all aims of our visit were achieved.+

martino told newsmen that the trip had aimed primarily at increasing italian-american understanding and cooperation. +this has been fully achieved,+ he said.

martino said that his and gronchi's satisfaction with the tour included all events on their 17-day program and especially their conferences in washington with president eisenhower and secretary of state dulles.

martino said+the president has told me how deeply impressed he is with the warmth of the reception, the sympathy for our views and the understanding of our mutual problems.+

martino said their tour had reached its highest point with the communique issued by eisenhower and gronchi in washington and that the remainder of the trip and contacts with leading political, industrial and business leaders had fulfilled all their expectations.

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ln 96 (ro)

new york march 14--(up)--the new york times commented today on gronchi's departure:

+everything that could have been hoped from the two-week visit of president giovanni gronchi of italy to the united states has come to pass. we say good-bye to him this morning with mingled regret and satisfaction.

+the original ideas and plans for the visit were not without a slight sense of anxiety. signor gronchi is an outspoken man of the political left and he does not always agree with united states policies. the case is exactly like clement attlee's when he was britain's socialist prime minister. both men are confirmed democrats and friends of the united states and both are strongly ant-communist. these are the things that counted with mr. (now lord) attlee and they are what counted with giovanni gronchi.

+as we see now, there never should have been the slightest fears on either side. signor gronchi has won respect and affection in the united states. he has spoken frankly (especially to congress and in san francisco) but no one here resents frank talking... from what he has said publicly and privately, it seems clear that he leaves the united states with a better and warmer understanding than he had when he arrived. in so far as this mutual feeling can affect italo-american relations it will be all to the good.

+our farewell is better expressed by another italian word: arrivederci, which means 'until we see each other again'+

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night lead gronchi

by norman j. montellier

new york, march 14--(up)-- president giovanni gronchi of italy today called for a stronger united nations taking concrete and binding action in world problems, and pledged italy's readiness to accept such decisions +to secure peace and justice between nations.+

in a speech at a luncheon meeting of united nations diplomatic chiefs, gronchi said the u.n. must not defeat the hopes that have been placed in it. he said that italy, by virtue of her return to world power, claims an important role in the u.n.'s future.

he firmly defended italy's adherence to the atlantic pact as fully consistent with u.n. ideals, but stressed that +we consider this pact as not merely a military alliance, but as a community intended to develop its action in the political, economic and social fields as well.+

the atlantic pact, he said, has proved its peaceful aims.

gronchi said the u.n. is playing a great role in bringing countries together in a forum for fruitful discussion. but, he said, +perhaps one day-- and that is our hope-- it will also be able to intervene institutionally in an even more concrete manner, and may even be able to take binding decisions on certain questions, as was the hope of the great men who drafted the san francisco charter.

+italy is ready for that day. our constitution provides that italy may, provided she enjoys parity with other states, agree to any limitations on sovereignty required to establish an order which will secure peace and justice and justice between nations, and shall promote and foster international organizations directed toward this purpose.+

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first light lead gronchi.

by norman j. montellier.

new york, march 14--(up)--president giovanni gronchi of italy declared today that the united states is +a great force in the service of peace+ and that friendship with it must be reinforced in every aspect in the framework of the north atlantic treaty organization.

in a final series of declarations to the american radio, press and united nations diplomats, gronchi declared that his personal contacts in the united states had been important in reaffirming italian-american friendship and +how profitable, direct and deep, have been my contacts in the united states during this visit.+

he told newsmen and radio, +i have not only seen but in the deepest significance i have felt how much the american democracy, which besides being a political force is a democratic, economic and social organization, is a great force in the service of peace.

+the great experience of these unforgettable days has confirmed my profound convictions, which i would summarize this way: above all the friendship with the united states must be maintained and strengthened in all its aspects, in the framework of n.a.t.o. in this phase of the world situation we are convinced that the new problems and the new difficulties must be confronted with a more open and ardent spirit in the economic and psychological field.+

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gronchi said it was in this light that he had sought to explain the view of the italian government and people and +i believe that these efforts have been useful and that they will be crowned with success so that our reciprocal understanding may be reinforced along with the unity of the western world, it is necessary to never forget that the free nations, if united, will see their policy of progress and peace crowned with success. if they are discouraged and divided, they will see their policy compromised to their damage and perhaps for always.+

gronchi said in the radio-press statement that his review of his trip was offered with the +certain faith in the friendship of the american people and their leaders+ which gave him +reason to hope that the ideas and proposals presented by me to public attention will be realized in facts.+

he said that he had put before the american people the view that +the italian people want to be judged above all in the living and working reality of their work and their spirit of sacrifice which made them capable of coming back from the ruins of war with a rapidity and a creative form recognized and appreciated by all. i sought to present italy to the american people exactly in this living and working reality. and in virtue of this i ask for solidarity and collaboration, which in the dynamic action of domestic life and international relations of modern states represent a common interest for all.

+if my political language has often been expressed in terms of economic and financial content, that is because i believe firmly that modern statesmen must be sensitive to the fundamental economic and social needs which our age has made most important of all.

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third first night lead gronchi new york x x x all.

+personal contacts are of essential importance in forming or reinforcing friendships, and how profitable, direct and deep, have been my contacts in the united states during this visit. not only with your great and wise president, with the members of the government and with political men, but with the most varied sectors of your community, from workers to industrialists, from americans of italian origin to journalists and intellectuals and the simple people who gathered in the streets to welcome me.+

he closed his remarks with an expression of gratitude to president eisenhower and the american people and +the wish for the most intimate collaboration for a future of prosperity and peace.+

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rome march 15 --(up) -- italian president giovanni gronchi returned today from an 18-day tour of the united states and canada.

his italian airlines plane arrived at rome international airport at 1400 (1500 gmt) from new york.

more later (rej)

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ro22 urgent

first lead gronchi

by robert e. jackson

united press staff correspondent

rome, march 15 --(up) -- italian president giovanni gronchi returned from the united states and canada today with a promise that italy's poorer classes will benefit from his 18-day tour.

his statement on arrival took on special significance in view of last night's serious riot in barleta where two were killed and 27 injured in a clash between police and unemployed farmhands.

(rej-staff)

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ro 23 rush

add first lead gronchi x x x farmhands.

gronchi came home reinforced as the outstanding political leader on the italian scene today. the press hailed his tour as a triumph.

he received an extremely warm welcome from 300 officials and their wives, headed by premier antonio segni, defense minister paolo emilio taviani, the speakers of parliament and enrico denicola, former provisional president of italy and now head of the nations constitutional (supreme) court.

their two-teen aged children, mario and maria cecilia were also on hand to greet gronchi and his wife, donna carla. above the hubub maria cecilia, 11, was heard shouting excitedly, +mama exclamer+.

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ro25 rush

third first lead gronchi rome x x x mama exclamer

gronchi said +i hope that in the coming months the efforts we have made will show the results we expect. in this event, our people, and above all those classes who are less well-off, stand to obtain a very great benefit from a continued economic and cultural comeback+.

during his american and canadian tour gronchi emphasized that he was seeking investment rather than direct economic hand-outs for italy and that he wanted greater economic coordination of the atlantic alliance.

more (rej)

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fourth first lead gronchi rome x x x alliance.

a keynote of his talks was the necessity for italy and her allies to build up the backward south of italy, where communists have seized on unemployment, cold and hunger to spark riots and perhaps gain votes for the june 3 municipal elections.

gronchi said of his journey, +i want to say that it gave us great satisfaction to note that not rpt not only in political quarters but among the great mass of north american public opinion, italy is now rpt now a long way from being regarded as the picturesque italy of song, spaghetti and great, noble and beautiful old cities.

+we attempted to present italy as a people on the way to building its destiny with its own sacrifice and endeavor in peace and in concord with all nations.+

more (rej)

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fifth first lead gronchi rome x x x nations.+

he added,+we felt that we could say this to those who listened to us and i believe that our message was fully understood.

gronchi said he did not rpt not intend to draw up a political and economic balance sheet of his visit but added, +i believe that the events which will follow will show that i have obtained some results in this direct, frank, open and loyal contact not rpt not only with official american and canadian quarters but also with the mass of people.+

segni and gronchi greeted each other in the italian tradition with kisses on the cheek.

more (rej)

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ro28 rush

sixth first lead gronchi rome x x x cheek.

segni won a vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies the day before gronchi left, feb. 26, and won another yesterday on the governments new electoral law.

in a sample editorial, gazzetta del popolo of turin, said gronchi had spoken for and helped not rpt not only italy but all of europe.

during his absence gronchi was the bannerline story in every non-communist newspaper every day. the communists, who helped elect gronchi, had to play down or leave out many words of praise he spoke for the united states and the atlantic alliance.

(rej) (includes earlier)

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seventh firstlead gronchi rome x x x alliance.

foreign minister gaetano martino, who accompanied gronchi on his trip, made a first report to premier antonio segni tonight.

deputy premier giuseppe saragat attended the talk.

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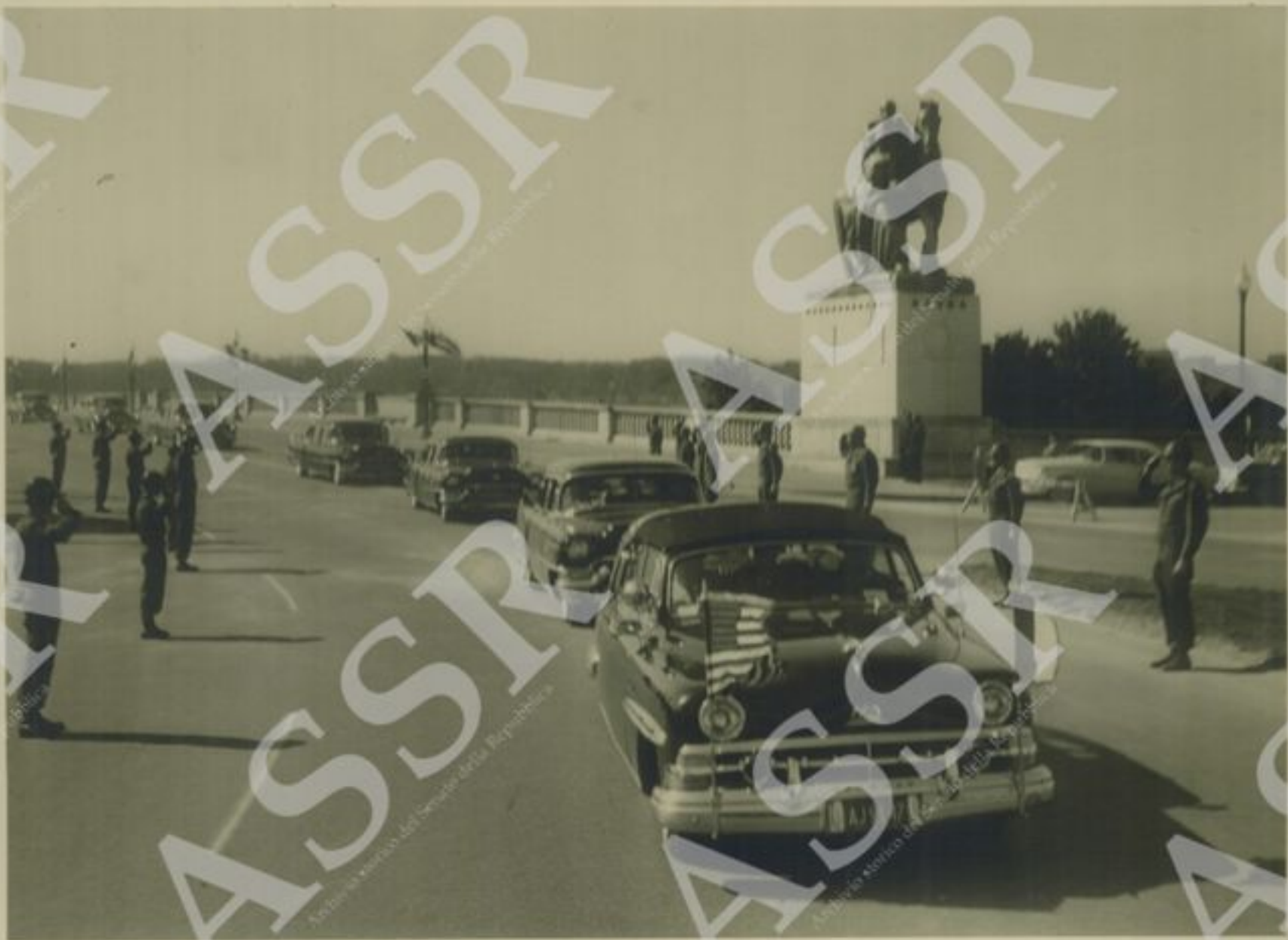
























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