

Political Jargon in Rome Confusing, Used Often

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Rome (UP) — Are you for a non-programmatic monocolor or of Christian Democratic concentration or would you prefer a tripartite center-left with a pre-constituted majority and non-qualifying abstentions.

This may sound confusing but it has become the accepted political parlance in Italy. And it is not a bit more complicated than the complicated things it defines.

It all began in 1953. Until then, a government was a government and a coalition was a coalition—as simple as that.

Then, in the 1953 general elections, the middle-road parties lost ground. Alcide de Gasperi, who had ruled Italy for eight years, fell from power and died the following year, and things political started growing awfully complicated.

More Complex

They have kept becoming more complex by the year and Italian politicians have kept inventing new names for the new left or right-slanted card-castles they build in parliament.

The definitions are strict, hair-splitting and ingenious—in the tradition of the country which invented "non-belligerency" and "co-belligerency." "Non-belligerency," as distinct from neutrality, was invented by Benito Mussolini in the opening months of World War Two when he did not immediately join Hitler's attack on the Allies but was too proud of his Axis links to call himself a neutral. The idea was that Italy was an ally of Germany but didn't happen to be at war yet.

When Italy signed an armistice with the Allies and later joined in the war against Germany, the Anglo-Americans would not recognize Italy as an ally on equal terms. So Italy invented "co-belligerency"—making war by the Allies' side without being an ally.

With this juridical training, it was not surprising that Italians should succeed well in defining the various political complications of domestic affairs.

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Small Worlds Around Us

Ever Try A Rose Sandwich?
Did you know you can experience gastronomic ecstasy from materials from a flower garden? Besides what it will do for your taste buds, a short journey into the world of edible flowers will add immeasurably to your diet without adding any unnecessary weight.

What has been merely gratifying your aesthetic sense in a garden can become something that excites your salivary glands into joyous and eager anticipation.

There are a lot of stray vitamins around in your flower garden doing you no good. You look at the container that hold the vitamins and enjoy their beauty without cashing in on their food value. The containers are the flowers, the blossoms of the plants.

Full of Vitamins
Flowers are just crammed full of vitamins and nutrients waiting to load your table with exotic flavors and combinations of benefits.

Flowers added to other foods make the foods taste better. There's an entire galaxy of them. Hibiscus buds from certain species are said to be delicious in curries, but as I have not the slightest idea what a curry is, I cannot recommend it. But some of the others are "beautiful." Just look at all the colorful marigolds that actually go to waste every year.

A beef roast cooked with a small handful of marigold blossoms takes on a delicate flavor; besides the marigold blossoms are chock full of various vitamins. Marigolds were raised for many, many years because they were good to eat and full of what we now know are vitamins. Pot marigolds were a standard part of early European gardens. They were called pot herbs, and were eaten for what was then supposed to be medicinal benefits.

Roses, Too
Roses were cultivated in gardens for many decades as a food crop. Rose hips, the small balls that remain on the bush when the petals fall away, are very rich in vitamins. Roses and primroses stirred up together are delicious as a salad. In a sandwich, roses are something to "write home about." And nothing could be more exotic than a salad of chopped violets. Add a dash of olive oil and you have something.

Many common plants are useful as a garnish. Parsley dropped on the edge of a steak should not be thrown away. Eat it by all means; it's got a little of everything you need. A small handful of parsley, with a like amount of water cream made into a sandwich, becomes a delightful lunch.

Try This
A dish of vegetable soup with a few crisp, fresh nasturtium leaves added will be a taste revelation. You can easily cultivate an appetite for this one.

If you overlooked planting a bed of nasturtium in your garden, take a few leaves from a geranium plant and come up with a glorified neighbor. If you or your garden neighbor happens to have a "rose-geranium," then you are in luck.

Your soup will be deliciously different, and at the same time it will possess some of the delightful fragrance of a cosmetic counter.

Mailman Blames Dogbites on Cats
Fanwood, N.J. — Mailman Harold R. Hartpence loves dogs and blames cats for the 27 dogbites he has suffered in 31 years of lugging letters.

"Dogs," he explained, "pick up the scent of cats on a mailman's uniform. They really don't dislike mailmen. They just hate cats."

Hartpence said the last time he was bitten was seven years ago. "I had been petting the family cat and a dog ripped my pants clean off."



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Butler Says Demos Have 'to be Right'

Washington — (UP) — Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler said Saturday his party "has to be right, win or lose."

He made the remark after Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) praised him as a chairman who proved it is more important "to slam some backbone into a party" than to unify it.

Proxmire's accolade was one of many offered by liberal Democrats at a testimonial luncheon for Butler. He has announced he will give up the chairmanship after the party's national convention in July.

Responding to the remarks about him, Butler said in the two years after he took office in January, 1955, he tried to weld together the factions within the party. "I was wrong in that," he continued. "I have consistently held that the party has to be right, win or lose."

Albany — (UP) — A 2 1/2-year-old boy was killed about noon Saturday on a farm near Taugent seven miles south of here when he fell under the wheel of a tractor his grandfather was driving.

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