

Reds Scramble To Regain Support In Italian Campaign

By FRANK O'BRIEN
 ROME, April 16 (P)—Italy entered the final hours of a crucial parliamentary election campaign today with communists scrambling to regain lost support. Campaigning ends at midnight and voting starts Sunday morning at 8.
 Interior Minister Mario Scelba's security forces were watchful lest—as constantly rumored—last-minute communist moves materialize—especially in the leftist north. Police made displays of strength in several sections to demonstrate they are ready to keep order.
 Violence dotted the country last night as traditionally volatile Italian tempers flared.
 Speech Slated
 Premier Alcide de Gasperi, who has worked tirelessly against the communists and for his Christian democrats will end his long campaign tonight with a speech at Naples. Communist Chief Palmiro Togliatti, whose audiences have dwindled recently, also takes a last crack at the Christian democrats—and American aid—tonight.
 Togliatti's drumming against the Marshall plan as a program to enslave Italy has lost its early heat and the communists have slowly and surely lost ground. Last night Togliatti failed to hold full attention of a crowd of 60,000 in Naples. Many left before he was through talking.
 (In Washington, the U. S. state department is sure the communists are beaten. Officials who have followed the campaign said last night that Russia's rejection of the western proposal to return Trieste to Italy killed the last faint hope the communists had. That, plus western power sponsorship of Italy for membership in the United Nations were looked on as clinchers against the leftists. Some think the communists won't get more than 30 to 35 per cent of the vote; possibly less.)
 Ships Arrive
 Togliatti and his party have found it harder and harder to convince the Italians they should be against American aid in the face of hundreds of American ships arriving with goods. And the passage of the \$5,300,000,000 European recovery bill by the U. S. congress was considered by many as a body blow to the communists.
 Last night in Rome's Tiburtino square the communists battled Italy's fascist-minded national Ital-

ian socialists (MSI). Hunks of concrete were thrown. Six persons were injured and the MSI was routed.
 The MSI, which has taken hold in Italy's conservative south, lost out in the street battle, but its ranks have swelled in the nation. It now claims 200,000 members and 1,500,000 followers.
 Communists in Trieste continued the physical battle against American policy, and a policeman was wounded last night when a communist threw two hand grenades into a pro-Italian gathering. The incident followed a mass meeting of 100,000 Italians and Italian sympathizers to hail the U. S., Britain and France.

Education Gets Down On Its Knees
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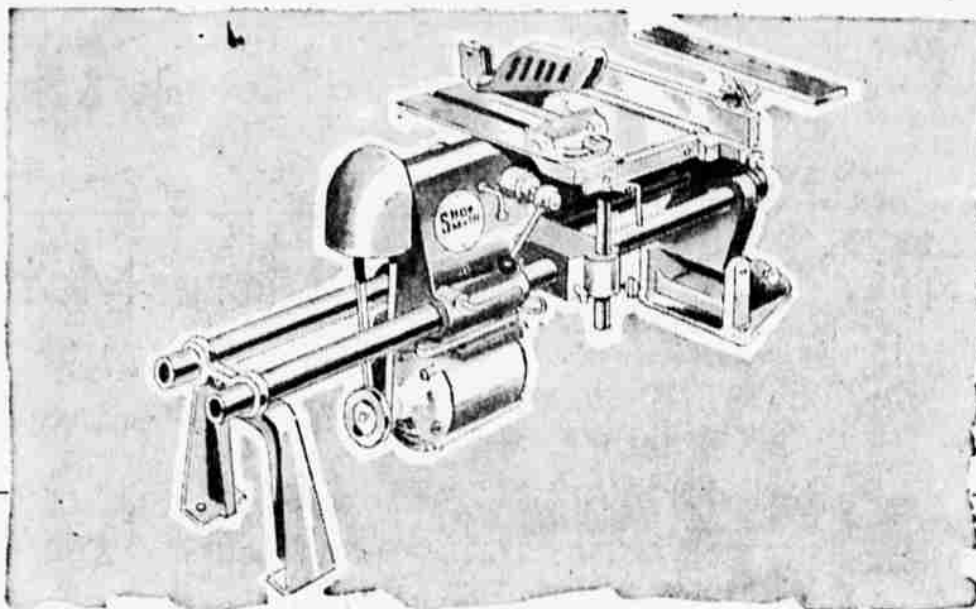
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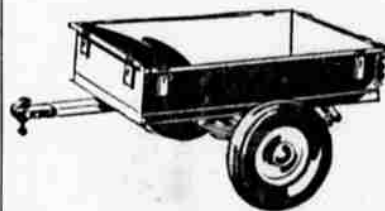
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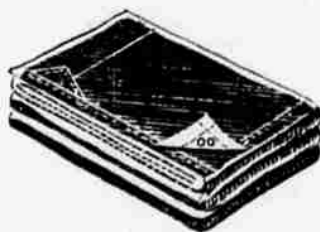
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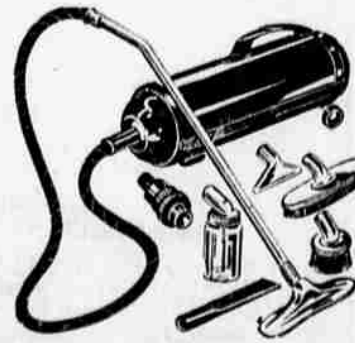
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