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Foreign Tourists in Italy

1.— In 1951 it seemed remarkable that the number of foreign tourists arriving in Italy that year had exceeded the total of just over five million which had been attained in 1937, the best year for tourism in Italy up till then. As can be seen however from Table I, showing the tourist traffic from 1931 to 1955, 1951 merely marked the start of a further rapid advance. 6,059,000 foreign tourists entered Italy in 1952, 7,681,000 in 1953, 9,327,000 in 1954 and 10,786,000 in 1955. The increase in 1955 over 1937 was 114%.

NUMBER OF FOREIGN TOURISTS VISITING ITALY

Year	Number	Year	Number		
1931	2,186,305	1942	204,419		
1932	1,904,075		_		
1933	2,528,308	1948	1,590,033		
1934	3,142,372	1949	3,401,662		
1935	3,040,820	1950	4,839,276		
1936	3,392,762	1951	5,405,863		
1937	5,018,706	1952	6,059,297		
1938	3,982,995	1953	7,681,870		
1939	2,481,998	1954	9,327,512		
1940	419,139	1955	10,786,018		
1941	197,270				

The Italian tourist traffic figures, of which Table II gives a comprehensive summary, cover all foreigners arriving with a passport. They exclude the purely local movement of people who live close to the frontier, who cross it for work or other purposes on a frontier pass, and who accordingly cannot be classified as tourists. All other foreign travellers are regarded for economic purposes as tourists, without distinction as between the purposes of their journeys, since all of them contribute towards forming the item of receipts shown in the balance of payments as « tourism ».

A distinction has however been made between tourists properly so called and excursionists. These

are taken to mean foreign travellers who do not take a night's lodging in Italy but complete their journey, probably within 24 hours, without staying anywhere. The tourists properly so called are taken to be those foreigners who come to Italy and stay there for periods from a minimum of 24 hours to a maximum of six months.

As can be seen from Table II, the ratio between tourists and excursionists among the foreigners coming to Italy during the last seven years has varied greatly.

The proportion coming as excursionists has risen, while that of tourists has declined. In 1948 excursionists accounted for 20% of all foreigners arriving in Italy, but in 1954 and 1955 for 41%. Hence the proportion of tourists dropped from 80% in 1948 to 59% in 1954 and 1955. This was partly due to the increase in the number of travellers from Austria, France and Switzerland, the countries adjoining Italy. Such travellers of course account for the majority of excursionists; and, as we shall see later, they also account for part of the increase in road traffic as compared with the traditional traffic by rail and sea. But that increase is also partly due to the fact that foreign tourists seem inclined to stop in the countries closest to Italy, to which they then make one or two excursions. This is chiefly because the hotel and similar accomodation for tourists in Italy is no longer

FOREIGNERS ENTERING ITALY TABLE II
(Tourists and Excursionists)

	Touris	ts	Excursion	nists	Total for-	Index
Year	Number			% of total	eigners entering Italy	number (1937= = 100)
1948	1,270,000	80	320,033	20	1,590,033	31
1949	2,400,000	71	1,001,662	29	3,401,662	67
1950	3,500,000	73	1,339,276	27	4,839,276	96
1951	3,700,000	69	1,705,863	31	5,405,863	107
1952	4,100,000	68	1,959,297	32	6,059,297	120
1953	4,700,000	6 r	2,981,870	39	7,681,870	153
1954	5,502,000	59	3,825,512	41	9,327,512	185
1955	6,363,000	59	4,423,018	41	10,786,018	214
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large enough to cover the expanded traffic, so that many requests for a night's lodging had to be refused in 1955. This is a pity, because tourists as customers are somewhat shy, and once lost are hard to regain. This indicates too the need for a vigorous effort to modernise and extend the accomodation — a field in which, as will be seen in a moment, much has already been done. To be fair one should add that the growth in tourist traffic has been so great (see Table II) that it has exceeded all expectations, and would have found any organisation unprepared.

Apart from this the peculiar characteristics of the growth in tourist traffic, and in particular its distribution between the different months of the year, set the providers of accomodation some problems which are difficult to solve.

2. — The recurring seasonal trend of tourist arrivals in Italy is quite regular. Table III shows the month-to-month movement for the past two years.

TABLE III
MONTH-TO-MONTH MOVEMENT OF FOREIGNERS
ENTERING ITALY

`M	[nt	ıth			1954	195	5
				.,.	Number	Number	%
January					234,867	276,977	2.5
February					222,683	260,495	2.4
March .					345,424	355,858	3.3
April .					727,561	800,547	7.4
May .					642,367	862,157	8.0
June .				٠	931,937	1,078,410	10.0
July .					1,355,674	1,768,311	16.4
August					2,111,011	2,403,054	22.3
Septembe	r				1,336,789	1,494,684	13.9
October					706,123	723,441	6.7
Novembe	r ·				361,441	379,665	3.5
December		٠			351,635	382,419	3.6
	T	oral	٠.		7,681,870	10,786,018	100

As can be seen from Table III, the seasonal fluctuations are extremely marked. The proportion of monthly arrivals to the year's total ranges from a minimum of 3% in the November-March period to a maximum of 22% in August. In the three summer months of July, August and September more than 50% of the year's total arrive; in fact the number reaching Italy in those months was 4,803,000 in 1954 and 5,666,000 in 1955. The high degree to which the traffic is thus seasonal in Italy is unfortunate because

it subjects the country's tourist organisation to special strain, and because it reduces the extent to which use is made of the capacity for handling tourist traffic - not only in the hotels and so forth but also in the public services in general, and among agencies that specialise in assisting tourists. This is also the reason why people are somewhat cautious about expanding the organisation in such fields. The staffs employed for such purposes have in fact little to do for most of the year, although the few hundred thousand foreigners who enter Italy in the five months of the dead season do presumably include a small number of genuine tourists. Yet those staffs have to work at full pressure during the summer months, when they have to secure takings enough to let the business show a profit for the whole year. In most cases they cannot be stood off completely even when they have little to do.

3. — The nationalities of the tourists entering Italy from 1948 to 1955 are shown in Table IV.

The great bulk of the foreigners coming to Italy are from four European countries, Austria, France, Germany and Switzerland. The numbers coming from all other countries were much smaller; none had more than a million — not even Great Britain, which

TABLE IV
NATIONALITY OF FOREIGNERS ENTERING STALY
(number)

Nationals	1948	1952	1955
Austria	59,127	957,391	1,766,937
Benelux Countries	67,401	364,964	759,153
Denmark, Sweden		1	
Norway	70,590	288,365	527,279
France	255,750	997,133	1,367,371
Germany	26,162	506,608	2,331,952
United Kingdom	216,831	449,527	805,081
Ireland	2,811	20,063	38,574
Portugal	2,089	11,512	21,808
Spain	5,250	29,935	62.899
Switzerland .	600,549	1,650,779	1,817,569
Egypt	4,653	22,876	
Canada	10,279	42,015	
United States	156,576	402,756	
Argentina	11,794	28,554	51,258
Brazil	7,167	23,303	
Other Countries	93,004	263,516	
Total	1,590,033	6,059,297	10,786,018

Source: ENIT, Statistica del Turismo.

had 805,000. The number of tourists coming from the four countries named was 7,293,829, or 68.3% of the total. In other words, as is quite logical, most of the foreigners who come to Italy are Europeans. Countries outside Europe sent 1,032,000 tourists in 1955 (the item « other countries » comprises 228,000 from Europe and 187,000 from other continents), or not quite 10% of the entire number. As the grand total has risen, there has been a roughly proportional increase in the numbers from individual countries. The only real exception is Germany. During the past four years the number of German tourists has been more than quadrupled, rising from 507,000 in 1952 to 2,332,000 in 1955, and bringing Germany up from fourth to first place. In 1954 the first place was held by Switzerland, with 1,740,000 Swiss tourists entering Italy; but it should be borne in mind that a major party of these were excursionists. There is also a high proportion of excursionists among the tourists coming from Austria and France.

There has been a substantial rise in the number of tourists coming from Great Britain and the United States too. British tourists entering Italy in 1955 numbered 505,000, or 79% more than in 1952. The number from the United States was 630,000, the increase over 1952 in their case being 56.3%.

4. — Special interest attaches to the statistics showing the forms of transport used, in view of the effect which changes in this respect have on trends in the movement of tourists. Obviously the great increase in the number coming by road means a rise in the average sum spent by each tourist. On the other hand road travel makes the tourist more independant and more mobile; he can choose between a greater number of places at which to stay, so that he has more direct contact with the country and can compare different places with each other. This makes him more exacting and more inclined to move about.

As Table V shows, the tourists arriving in Italy by sea increased in number from 51,000 in 1948 to 258,000 in 1955; but their ratio to the total fell from 3% to 2%. The percentage coming by air remained about the same, although the number of air travellers arriving rose from 68,000 in 1948 to 343,000 in 1955.

The real competition was between road and rail; and in the end the roads won. In 1948 the railways brought 843,000 of the foreign tourists arriving, or 53%, and the roads brought 628,000 or 40%. In 1955 however those coming by train numbered 2,800,000 or only 26% of the total, while 7,385,000 or 68.4% came by road.

TABLE Y
FORM OF TRANSPORT USED BY FOREIGNERS
ENTERING IN ITALY

	Rail		Ro	ad	Se	a	A	ir	Total
Year	Thou- sands	% of total	Thou-	% of total	Thou-	% of total	Thou- sands	% of total	Thou- sands
1938	1,363	34	2,450	61	158	4	12	12	3,983
1948	843	53	628	40	5 I	3	68	4	1,590
1949	1,202	35	1,981	58	92	3	127	4	3,402
1950	1,934	43	2,589	52	137	2	179	3	4,839
1951	2,076	39	3,029	56	113	2	188	3	5,400
1952	2,117	35	3,572	59	155	2	215	4	6,059
1953	2,320	30	4.927	64	176	2	259	4	7,682
1954	2,493	27	6,306		225	2	304	3	9,328
1955	2,800	26	7,385	68.4	258	2	343	3	10,786

The proportion of foreign travellers arriving by rail has thus fallen below the pre-war level of 34% in 1938. A small contribution towards the drop in rail traffic by comparison with before the war has been made by air travel, which accounted for between 3% and 4% of arrivals in the past seven years against 1% in 1938.

The shift away from the traditional methods of entry by rail and sea to the roads and the air is further brought out by Table VI. The total number of foreign tourists reaching Italy in 1955 was greater than in 1938 by 6,803,000 or 170%. Over the same period those coming by rail increased by 105%, and sea travellers by 63%. On the other hand those arriving at road frontier posts showed an addition of 201%, while the increase in those coming by air was no less than 2,758%.

SHIFT BETWEEN 1938 AND 1955 IN FORMS OF TRAN-SPORT USED BY FOREIGNERS ENTERING ITALY

	Rail	Road	Sea	Air	Total	
Difference in thou- sands	+ 1,437	+ 4,935	+ 100	+ 331	+ 6,803	
Difference per cent	+ 105	+ 201	+ 63	+ 2,758	+ 170	

5. — The accommodation in hotels, boarding and lodging houses was badly hit by the war. In such establishments pillaged or ruined there was a loss of 176,375 beds, the term «bed » being used to mean

everything required for the accomodation of one person. Thus the number of beds was brought down from 346,192 in 1940 to 169,817, or less than half as many, in 1945. In the course of the next ten years a great reconstruction was put in hand, with financial support from the Government. The sum allocated for this purpose in the five years 1947 to 1951 was 12,250 million lire, spread over the areas where damage was worst.

By 1951 the number of beds available at the 22,715 hotels, boarding and lodging houses in Italy had reached 402,533. By 1st January, 1954 the number of such establishments had risen to 24,006, with 461,236 beds; and on 1st January, 1955, the last date for which figures are available, such establishments numbered 24,987 and the beds 499,223.

At the same time steps had to be taken to restore the hotels, etc. which had been damaged through the neglect inevitable in the war years; and there had to be a plan to modernise the more backward among them so that they should better meet the requirements of tourists, which had become more exacting. Some idea of what was done is given by the growth in the number of bath-rooms; from 33,207 in 1949 their number rose to 58,883 on 1st January, 1955, or by 72%.

A fuller idea of the advance in hotel and other accomodation in Italy is given by Table VII. As was stated at the outset, this accomodation is even now inadequate. Owing to the high proportion of foreign tourists who come in the summer months, it cannot handle their constantly growing numbers. There is an estimated need for the building of 31,600 new hotels, boarding and lodging houses, so as to raise the number of available rooms from its present level of 296,000 to 362,000.

TABLE VII
HOTEL, BOARDING AND LODGING HOUSE
ACCOMMODATION IN ITALY

	1949 May 31	1953 January 1	1955 January 1
Establishments	20,074	22,710	24,987
Rooms	215,986	257,391	295,836
Beds . , , .	365,470	431,819	499,195
Baths	33,207	49,954	58,883

6. — The last aspect of the tourist traffic to consider is the resulting foreign exchange earnings. It must be emphasised that no exact figures on this

subject can be obtained. If all the people entering Italy exchanged their foreign currency into lire entirely through official channels, one could be precise about the resulting foreign exchange. Since however they do not do this, the available statistics show figures that are well below the reality. The difference from reality cannot be estimated, even approximately, since it is affected by too many factors. All that we can hope to do is to give some idea of the undoubtedly substantial exchange influx due to tourism. According to the latest estimates by ENIT (1), which took the number of tourists staying in hotels and so forth and used it to multiply a minimum sum for expenditure on board, lodging and transportation, the total amount spent by foreign tourists in 1955 was around 230 billion lire. This estimate differs considerably from the figure of \$211 million, or say 132 billion lire, that is shown in the balance of payments as having been received from tourism. Yet it takes no account of sums spent on incidental items and pleasure, nor of tourists who camp out or stay with friends and so do not pass through hotels or other such establishments.

Table VIII compares the official figures in the Report of the Bank of Italy for 1955 with those of ENIT. It shows that for 1955 ENIT's estimate was greater than the Bank of Italy's by 75%. It also shows the size of the earnings from tourism in comparison with Italy's adverse trade balance.

The influx of exchange from foreign tourists in Italy has not grown in proportion to the increase in the number of persons arriving in each year.

(1) The name ENIT stands for Ente Nazionale Industrie Turistiche, meaning the National Institution for Tourist Industries. It is the technical branch of the Italian tourist organisation, and assists the Commissariat for Tourism. This latter is a governmental body founded in 1931. It was afterwards turned into a Directorate General of the Ministry of Popular Culture; but in 1947 it reverted to its original form as an agency directly dependent on the Prime Minister's Office. ENIT on the other hand was established in 1919, and its form has remained unaltered during the 37 years of its existence. Its function is to collect and publish statistics, to conduct tourist propaganda in foreign countries, and to assist Italian and foreign tourists. It has 7 delegations and 30 offices abroad, as well as frontier and other offices in Italy.

The field organisation in Italy is based on certain bodies known as the Enti Provinciali per il Turismo, the Aziende Autonome di cura, soggiorno e turismo, and the Associazioni Pro-loco. These deal independently with problems that relate specifically to their areas; and they assist ENIT on matters falling within their particular spheres. There are also certain private bodies such as the Touring Club and the Automobile Club. These supplement the work of the official organisations by conducting publicity and assisting generally on tourist matters.

TABLE VIII

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RECEIVED FROM TOURISM (billion lire)

Estimates	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Bank of Italy Report (1)	56	57	92	98	132
E. N. I. T	135	160	181	209	230
Trade deficit	325	593	571	501	530

(1) So as to make the figures in the table comparable, those in the Bank of Italy's Report in dollars have been converted into lire at 625 lire per dollar.

In 1951, according to the *ENIT* estimate, 5,406,000 foreign tourists produced 135 billion lire. In the following year there were 653,000 more tourists, but — still according to *ENIT*'s estimate — the foreign

exchange receipts were up by 25 billion at 160 billion lire.

In 1953 the increase of 1,623,000 foreign visitors caused a rise of 21 billion lire in the foreign exchange earnings; this was less than the rise which took place in 1952 for an increase almost a million smaller in the number of tourists.

The same tendency was just as evident in 1954 and 1955. In the latter year, while the number of tourists rose by 15.6%, the foreign exchange earnings were up by only 10%.

Since nearly all countries during recent years have eased the exchange restrictions applying to tourists, this tendency would seem to be due to two factors. One is the poorer « quality » of the tourists; the other is the shorter average period for which they stay. The second factor, which is connected with the first, is partly due to the rise in the proportion of excursionists among the foreigners entering Italy each year.

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STATISTICAL DATA OF THE ITALIAN ECONOMIC SITUATION

ITALIAN BUDGET SUMMARY

(billion lire)

Table A

		Revenue		E :	k penditu	re		Def	icit	
Fiscal year beginning	Ass	essed	Collected	Obli	gated	Dalid		e d		
ıst July	Current Movement of capital (a) Current Movement of capital (a)	Paid out (a)	Current	Movement of capital	Total	Cash				
1948-49	1,015	45	1,020	1,519	98	1,440	 504	- 53	— 557	402
1949-50	1,419	252	1,618.2	1,716	232	1,703.9	297	+ 20	- 277	- 85.7
1950-51	1,720	272	1,658.4	1,894	319	1,820.0	174	47	221	- 161.6
1951-52	1,737	336	1,976.4	2,129	305	2,308.4	- 392	+ 3 r	36 r	332.0
1952-53	1,806	305	2,402.0	2,302	119	2,639.4	495	+ 185	<u> </u>	- 237.4
1953-54	2,000	338	2,300.3	2,325	182	2,433.8	- 325	+ 156	169	- 133.5
1954-55	2,263	302	2.497,6	2,673	116	2,517.4	410	+ 186	- 224	- 19.8
1955-56	2,510	242	2,654.8	2,810	91	2,809.4	- 300	+ 151	- 149	154.6
1956-57 (b)	2,647	24.0		2,918	72.8		271	+ 48.8	- 222,2	

(a) Current revenue (or payment) and movement of capital; on year account and arrears.

(b) Estimated at July 31, 1956.

Source: Conto Riassuntivo del Tesoro.

ITALIAN BUDGET SUMMARY - FINANCING OF CASH DEFICIT

(millions of lire)

Table B

	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	195455	1955-56
Assessments and Obligations (a) - Deficit Receipts and Payments (b) - Cash deficit	423,000	— 294,000	— 241,000	— 225,000	149,000
	335,125	— 234,336	— 132,600	— 19,799	154,651
Financing of cash deficit: Treasury Bills	+ 102,742	— 11,716 — 21,000	+ 89,902 + 89,541	+ 65,440 + 31,299	+ 77,628 - 57,925
current accounts surance instit. (c) .	+ 63,142	+ 160,372	+ 62,824	- 37,376	+ 97,005
	- 11,297	+ 15,603	- 8,577	+ 1,072	+ 4,556
Floating debt - Total Other Treasury debits and credits (d) Changes in cash position	+ 154,587	+ 143,259	+ 233,690	+ 60,435	+ 121,263
	+ 170,324	12,040	- 39,379	40,777	+ 35,302
	+ 10,124	+ 103,117	- 61,711	+ 141	- 1,914
GRAND TOTAL	+ 335,125	+ 234,336	+ 132,600	+ 19,799	+ 154,651

(a) Current revenue and expenditure and movements of capital.

(b) Receipts and payments on year account and arrears; current revenue and expenditure and movements of capital.

(c) For more than 90%, a/cs, with « Cassa Depositi e Prestiti » (Cassa DD.PP.) which collects the deposits of the Postal Savings Banks.

(d) Debits and credits with government's agencies and other public bodies.

(e) Revised.

Source: Conto riassuntivo del Tesoro.

ITALIAN DOMESTIC PUBLIC DEBT (billion lire - Index Numbers, 1938=100)

Table C

The state of the s	Consol		Redee			Flo	ating	debt		1	Total of	domestic
End	debt		debt			Interest			tal	Treas-	public debt	
of period	A- LN A- Ury current b	by the Bank	Amount	I.N.	notes	Amount	I.N.					
1952 - June 1953 - June	53 53	100	820 1,025	1,681	920	822 998	47 I 449	2,213 2,355	7,376 7,850	15.0	3,110 3,471	2,329 2,600
1954 - June 1955 - June	53 53	100	1,212	2,473 3,057	998 1,064	1,052	538 570	2,589 2,650	8,630 8,833	46.5 56.4	3,811 4,257	2,855 3,200
1956 - March June July ,	53 53 53	100 100 100	1,702 1,704 1,704	3,473 3,473 3,473	1,128 1,141 1,140	1,175 1,118 1,110	522 512 478	2,825 2,771 2,728	9,416 9,236 9,093	46.7 46.7 46.7	4,627 4,575 4,532	3,465 3,426 3,394

Source: Conto riassuntivo del Tesoro.

DEPOSITS AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS IN ITALIAN BANKING SYSTEM AND POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

(Index numbers, 1938 = 1)

Table D

	F	Banking System	(a)				Pos	tal Sav	ings Ba	nks	
End of period	Deposits	Current Accounts (b)	Tota	al Deposits			Curr Acco	unts	Tot	al	Percent ratio to
	Billion Inde	- Billion num-	num- Billion num- Billion num		Index num- bers	Billion lire	Index num- bers	Billion lire	Index num- bers	deposits and c/a of bank- ing system	
1953 December	2,021 53 2,341 61 2,722 71 2,760 72 2,772 72 2,805 73	2,132 125 2,432 143 2,396 140 2,374 139	3,915 4,473 5,154 5,156 5,146 5,212	71 81 93 93	1,147 1,263 1,308 1,379 1,383	39 43 44 47 47	276 252 277 294 296	250 229 251 267 269 226	1,423 1,515 1,585 1,673 1,679	47 50 52 53 55	36.3 33.8 30.7 31.2 32.6
April	2,864 75 2,885 75 2,885 75 2,929 77 2,969 78	2,408 141	5,241 5,278	94 95 95 97 97	1,383 1,383 1,382 1,382 1,383 1,387	47 47 47 47 47	249 238 246 	215 223	1,632 1,621 1,628	54 54 54 	31.3 30.9 30.8

⁽a) The data refer to 365 banks (commercial and savings banks) which hold about 99% of the total deposits collected by all

Source: Bollettino of the Bank of Italy.

DEPOSITS, CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND ASSETS OF ITALIAN BANKS (a) (millions of lire)

Table E

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Items	31.12.54	31.3.55	30.6.55	30.9.55	31.12.55	31.3.56	30.6.56
	* VALE AND	Amount	outstanding				
Deposits and current accounts Cash and sums available at sight Fixed deposits with the Treasury and	4,473,243 402,713		4,620,759 342,370	4,853,280 402,827	5,153,823 425,195	5,241,179 359,757	5,342,35 358,873
other Institutions	549,398 841,094 3,688,429	9.04,562	585,738 911.657 3,805,961	653,592 930,145 3,971,541		684,666 1,011,845 4,288,226	626,682 1,068,740 4,474,90
	Ind	ex Numbers	; 31-12-1948=1	00			
Deposits and current accounts Cash and sums available at sight Fixed deposits with the Treasury and	294.2 238.2	299.1 209.9	303.9 20 2. 5	319.2 238.2	338.9 251.5	344·7 212.8	351.4 212.2
other Institutions	309.0 213.8 326.6	329.6 229.9 323.3	329.5 231.7 337.0	3 ⁶ 7·7 236·4 35 ¹ ·7	364.0 236.7 378.8	385.1 257.2 379.7	35 ² ·5 271.6 396·2
	%	of deposits	and current a/	cs			
Cash and sums available at sight Fixed deposits with the Treasury and	9.0	9.0	7-3	8.2	8.2	6.9	6.7
other Institutions	12.2 18.8 82.4	12.8 19.8 80.2	12.5 19.7 81.1	13.3 19.1 81.8	12.5 18.0 83.1	13.1 19.3 82.2	11.7 20.0 83.7

⁽a) The data refer to 365 banks (commercial and savings banks) which hold about 99% of the total deposits collected by all Italian banks.

Source: Bollettino of the Bank of Italy.

Table F ADVANCES OF THE BANKING SYSTEM AND MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM CREDIT INSTITUTES (amounts outstanding - end of period data)

Statistical Appendix

	19	3 8	19	5 4		т 9	5 5	
Categories of credit institutes	millions	0/	billion	0.1	billion	0./	Index	numbers
	of lire	%	lire	%	lire	%	1938≕1	1954=100
Banking system (a)	35,340	65.7	3,368.4	70.7	3,889.8	69.8	110	115
Institutes for industrial credit	8,779	16.3	912.4	19.2	1,063.8	19.1	121	,116
Institutes for mortgage real estate credit	5,877	10.9	201.1	4.2	264.3	4.7	45	131
- Commodity pools	2,293	4.3	212.6	4-5	260.3	4.7	114	122
- Land improvement credit .	1,489	2,8	65,8	1.4	95.2	1.7	64	144
Total	53,778	100.00	4,760.3	100.0	5,573.4	100.0	104	117

⁽a) Includes commercial and savings banks. The figures for « credits to clients » given for the banking system in this Table differ from the data reported on Table E owing to a different recording system (see on this matter, this Review No. 8, January-March 1949, Explanatory Notes, pag. 70).

Source: Report of the Governor of the Bank of Italy for 1955.

ADVANCES OF THE BANKING SYSTEM, BY BUSINESS BRANCHES (a)

Table G

		(amo	ants outstand	ding)				
	December	31, 1938	December	31, 1954		December	31, 1955	
Business branches	millions	%	billion	%	billion	%	Index	numbers
	of lire	of total	lire	of total	lire	of total	1938=1	1954 = 100
Personal (professional consumer, etc.) L	4,139	11.7	241.7	7.2	292.4	7.5	76.0	121.0
for specialized activities ex- cluded)	5,163	14.6	157.2	4.7	173.5	4.5	33.6	110.4
3. Banks, exchanges, fin. and insurance Cos	3,398	9.6	143.7	4.3	157.8	4.1	46.4	109.8
4. Transport and communications	547	1.6	88.9	2.6	107.1	2,8	195.7	120.4
5. Electric power, gas, water .	319	0.9	54.5	1.6	58.0	1.5	8.181	106.4
6. Hotels, entertainments	286	0.8	51.1	1.5	58.3	1.5	203.8	114.0
7. Building and real estate, pub- lic works, land reclamation.	4,211	11.9	249.3	7.4	307.8	7.9	73.0	123.4
8. Agriculture, agricultural equip- ment and supply trades	3,001	8.5	234.2	7.0	248.1	6.3	82.6	105.9
9. Cereals, foodstuffs, drink	4,569	12.9	685.0	20.3	793.2	20.4	173.6	115.8
10. Wood and related products .	510	1.4	89.5	2.7	103.5	2.7	202.9	115.7
11. Non-metallic ores	909	2.7	198.2	5-9	247.0	6.3	271.7	124.6
12. Steel, metal and engineering products	3,184	9.0	443-2	13.1	542.7	14.0	170.2	122.4
13. Chemical products	588	1.7	102.1	3.0	134.9	3.5	229.4	132.1
14. Paper and printing	351	1.0	46.3	1.4	54-4	1.4	154.9	117.5
15. Hides and skins	5 7 6	1.6	57.6	1.7	60.2	1.5	104.5	104.5
16. Textile products and clothing	2,238	6.3	327.3	9.7	304.9	7.8	136.2	93.2
17. Other trades and industries .	172	0.5	44.2	1.3	45.7	1.2	256.6	103.5
18. Retail trade and miscellaneous services	1,179	3. 3	154.4	4.6	200.3	5.1	169.8	129.7
Total	35,340	100.0	3,368.4	100.0	3,889.8	100.0	110.0	1154
Index numbers: 1938=1	I		95.3	,	110.0			

⁽a) Commercial and savings banks.

Source: Report of the Governor of the Bank of Italy for 1955.

⁽b) Inter-bank current accounts are excluded.

⁽b) Treasury bills and other Government securities. Entered at market values,

⁽c) Includes: bills on hand, rediscount at the Bank of Italy, contangoes, advances, current accounts, credits abroad, loans recoverable on salaries, loans against promissory notes, loans on pawn, mortgage loans, current accounts with sections for special credits, non-Government securities, participations.

FUNDS RAISED IN THE CREDIT AND CAPITAL MARKET IN 1955, BY SOURCE AND ECONOMIC BRANCHES

(annual increases - in billion lire)

	animai merca			710		
Business branches	Banking system loans (a)	Loans of Institutes for indus- trial credit	Loans of institutes for agrar- ian and real estate credit	Share and Debentures	Total	%
1. Personal (professional, consumer, etc.) . 2. Public Institutions (Institutions for spe-	50.7				50.7	5.2
cialized activities excluded)	16.4	8.6	<u> </u>		25.0	2,6
Cos	14.1	- 4.5		11.9	21.5	2.2
4. Transport and communications	18.2	24.5	_	14.7	57.4	5.9
5. Electric power, gas, water	3.5	65.0		20.7	89.5	9.2
6. Hotel, entertainments	7.3	6.0		1.2	14.5	1.5
7. Building and real estate, public works,	58.4	11.4	55.6	3.0	128.4	13.2
land-reclamation		·			' {	_
8. Agriculture and agricultural equipment	13.9		37.0		50.9	5.2
9. Cereals, foodstuffs, drink	108.2	6.6	47.7	6.7	169.2	17.4
10. Wood and related products , , ,	14.0	1.6		0.5	16.1	1.7
11. Mining and quarrying	5.7	4.7		0.6	0,11	I.I
12. Processing of non-metallic minerals	10.1	5.9		3.9	19.9	2.0
13. Mineral oil and natural gas	32.9	- 2.2		27.3	58.0	6.0
14. Steel, metal and engineering products .	99.4	13.4		47.0	159.8	16.5
15. Chemical products	32.8	12.0		8.6	43.4	5.5
16. Paper and printing	8.1	0.5		1.8	10.4	1.1
17. Hides and skins	2.7	0.2		0.5	3.4	0.3
18. Textiles	-22.4	1.0		8.8	- 12.6	1.3
19. Other trades and industries	1.5	- 4.4		0.9	- 2.0	- 0.2
20. Retail trade and miscellaneous services .	45.9	1.1		0.9	47-9	- 4.9
Total 1955	521-4	151.4	140.3	159.3	972.4	100.0
%	53.62	15.57	14.43	16.38	100.0	
Total 1954	470.6 57,00	113.1 13.46	103.7	153.0	840.4	
Total 1953	493.8 56.50	102.4	96.0 10.98	181.7	873.9 100.0	
Total 1938	2.192 41.87	0.974 18.61	0.340 6.49	1.729 38.53	5.235 100.0	

(a) Commercial and savings banks.

Source: Report of the Governor of the Bank of Italy for 1954.

NEW ISSUES OF INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES AND MORTGAGE BONDS (billion lire)

Table I

Table H

			Stoc	k Compan	ies	То	tal	Debentu Institut		General Tota		
Period	[. R. [. (a)	Shares	Deben-	Less duplica-	Less duplica-	Current	1938	medium a		Current	1938	
		Snares	tures	tions and redemptions	tions I. R. I.	lire	lire (b)	Current lire	1938 lire	lire	lire (b)	
1938		1.7	0.032			1.732	1.732	0.95	0.05	2.68	2.68	
1949	-	104.6	86.4	5.5	_	185.5	3.58	47.3	0.91	232.8	4.5c	
1950	-	65.5	31.7	7.5		89.7	1.83	72.1	1,46	161.8	3.30	
1951	 .	81.4	6.8	6.3		81.9	1.46	55·1	0.98	137.1	2.45	
1952	55.6	107.0	15.1	5.5	2.1	170.1	3.22	127.9	2.42	298.0	5.65	
1953	21.8	191.6	12.2	22.I	7.8	195.7	3.72	139.2	2.65	334.9	6.37	
1954	27.9	171.2	9.3	27.5	18.2	162.7	3.07	127.7	2.41	290.4	5.48	
1955	14.9	162.5	9.5	12.7	11.5	162.3	3.05	229.7	4.31	392.0	7.36	

(a) Institute for Industrial Reconstruction.(b) The conversion of current lire in 1938 lire has been made on the basis of wholesale price index as calculated by the Central

Source: Report of the Governor of the Bank of Italy for 1955.

NOTE CIRCULATION, PRICES, WAGES AND SHARE QUOTATIONS IN ITALY

(Index Numbers, 1938=100)

Table J

•	Note Circula	ition (a)	Wholesale	prices (c)	Cost of	Wage rates	Share	Fine	gold
Year or month	Amount (b) (billion lire)	Index	All com- modities	Foodstuffs	Cost of Living (c)	in industry (c)	quotations (b)	Price of one gram (lire) (d)	Index
1953 - December . 1954 - December . 1955 - March . June September . December . 1956 - March June June June	1,487.9 1,578.4 1,472.4 1,466.7 1,547.2 1,712,2 1,518.3	6,612 7,015 6,544 6,518 6,876 7,609 7,103	5,256 5,350 5,317 5,321 5,325 5,366 5,426 5,369 5,332	5,659 5,921 5,788 5,802 5,836 6,029 6,218 6,155 6,036	5,678 5,882 5,880 6,023 5,993 6,057 6,254 6,299 6,285	7,573 8,012 8,058 8,062 8,108 8,158 8,171 8,620 8,620	2,390.9 3,089.7 3,237.5 3,562.7 4,138.2 3,749.3 3,575.2 3,327.3 3,442.4	720 722 726 715 716 724 725 715	2,769 2,776 2,792 2,750 2,753 2,784 2,788 2,750 2,792

(a) End of year or month. Includes: Bank of Italy notes and Treasury notes; (b) Bollettino of the Bank of Italy; (c) Bollettino Mensile di Statistica issued by the Central Institute of Statistics; (d) Business Statistics Centre of Florence.

PRICES AND YIELDS OF ITALIAN SECURITIES BY MAIN CATEGORIES

(annual or monthly averages)

Table K

				(Governmen	t Securities			·		
			Bon	ıds		9-year T	reasury	Avei	o ova	Sh	ates
3 /		Consoli	dated	Redeen	nable	Bon	ds	AVCI	age		
rear c	or month	Price (index number '38=100)	Yield (per cent per an- num)	Price (index number '38=100)	Yield (per cent per an- num)	Price (index number '38 = 100)	Yield (per cent per an- num)	Price (index number '38=100)	Yield (per cent per an- num)	Price (index number '38=100)	Yield (per cent per an- num)
1954 - a 1955 - a		99·4 9 7· 1	5·43 5·56	88.7 87.1	6.38 6.50	85.0 82.7	6.22 6.40	87.8 85.3	6.21 6.39	2,596.4 3,654.1	5.98 4.64
Jı S	March une September . December .	97·3 98·2 96·3 95·9	5.55 5.50 5.61 5.63	87.1 87.6 88.2 84.7	6.50 6.46 6.42 6.68	83.2 83.0 82.9 79.8	6.36 6.37 6.38 6.63	85.8 85.7 85.7 82.6	6.35 6.36 6.36 6.60	3,237.5 3,562.7 4,138.2 3,749.3	5.07 4.75 4.11 4.63
	March une uly	95·4 9 2 ,3	5.66 5.85	83.6 81.7	6.77 6.93	79.1 76.3	6.69 6.93	81.7 79.0	6.67 6.90	3,575.2 3,327.3 3,442.4	4.90 5.44 5.32

Source: Bollettino of the Bank of Italy.

WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS OF COMMODITIES

(Index Numbers, 1938 = 100)

Table L

***	All	Food	lstuff s		Hides, Skins	Raw mater- ials, metal	Fuels	Chemical raw		Danas	Bricks,	
Year or month	Com- mo- dities	Vege- table	Animal	6,343	Foot- neering		and lubri- cants	materials and products	Lum- ber	Paper goods	Lime and Cement	Glass
1952 a. av.	5,270	4,869	6,796	6,343	4,245	6,767	4,440	5,717	8,343	6,246	7,216	4,707
1953 a. av.	5,250	5,331	6,433	5,894	4,066	5,758	4,080	5,255	8,397	5,279	7,209	4,549
1954 a. av.	5,293	5,265	6,959	5,691	3,804	5,414	4,240	5,073	8,510	5,380	7,261	4,329
1955 a. av.	5,320	5,368	7,012	5,509	3,473	5,756	4,357	5,224	9,410	5,664	7,237	4,206
1955 March	5,317	5,290	6,905	5,610	3,513	5,808	4,251	5,231	9,183	5,283	7,275	4,206
June	5,321	5,411	6,692	5,581	3,468	5,705	4,332	5,226	9,486	5,814	7,271	4,206
Sept.	5,275	5,309	7,086	5,394	3,398	5,795	4,372	5,198	9,550	5,821	7,207	4,206
Dec.	5,366	5,496	7,288	5,394	3,440	5,852	4,516	5,364	9,705	5,751	7,159	4,206
1956 March	5,426	5,892	6,944	5,435	3,445	5,918	4,612	5,461	9,712	5,698	7,097	4,206
June	5,369	5,851	6,827	5,282	3,416	5,850	4,608	5,387	9,762	5,693	7,091	4,206
July	5,331	5,668	6,864	5,275	3,396	5,839	4,604	5,372	9,796	5,521	7,089	4,206
August	5,310	5,574	6,981	5,254	3,397	5,874	4,616	5,369	9,828	5,532	7,083	4,206

Source: Bollettino Mensile di Statistica.

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WAGES AND SALARIES IN ITALY

(gross remunerations - inclusive of family allowances) (Index Numbers, 1938=100)

Table M

Ostavada	1955		1955	_	1956				
Categories	A. Av.	March	June	Sept.	March	June	July 7,513 8,291 8,846 9,571 8,620	August	
Industry:									
Specialized workers	7,055	7,025	7,027	7,070	7,126	7,513		7,560	
Skilled workers	7.775	7,741	7,746	7,790	7,850	8,291		8,344	
Ordinary workers and semi-skilled labourers	8,289	8,256	8,257	8,304	8,371	8,846	8,846	8,897	
Labourers	9,010	8,972	8,981	9,029	9,097	9.571	9,571	9,624	
General index of Industry	8,092	8,058	8,062	8,108	8,171	8,620	8,620	8,671	
Agriculture	8,961	8,892	8,920	9,044	9,068	9,383	9,383	9,383	
Government Civil Employees:									
Group A (a)	5,674	4,703	5,611	5,949	6,000	6,000	6,424	6,424	
Group B (b)	5,312	4,494	5,259	5,532	5,569	5,569	5,972	5,972	
Group C (c)	6,390	5,347	6,320	6,672	6,714	6,714	7,450	7,450	
Subordinate staff	7,030	6,057	6,991	7,280	7,319	7,319	7,800	4,800	
General Index of Government Civil Employees	6,047	5,090	5,988	6,307	6,349	6,349	6,893	6,893	

(a) Administrative grade; (b) Executive grade; (c) Clerical grade. Source: Bollettino Mensile di Statistica.

NATIONAL INDEX OF LIVING COST

(1938 = 100)

Table N

Year or month	All Items	Foodstuffs	Clothing	Heating and lighting	Housing	Miscellaneous
1952 - a. av	5,546	6,541	6,415	4,031	1,565	5,501
	5,654	6,680	6,224	4,091	1,720	5,549
	5,806	6,875	6,308	4,074	1,826	5,640
	5,969	7,059	6,287	4,075	2,088	5,764
1956 - March	6,254	7,375	6,262	4,094	2,644	5,841
June	6,299	7,433	6,258	4,109	2,683	5,849
July	6,285	7,405	6,262	4,136	2,707	5,834
August	6,288	7,395	6,262	4,151	2,707	5,914

Source: Bollettino Mensile di Statistica.

PERSONS REGISTERED AT LABOUR EXCHANGE OFFICES (*)

Table O

					` '		
End of period	Class I (a)	Class II (b)	Class III (c)	Class IV (d)	Class V (e)	Tot	a l of which women
1955 - March June September December 1956 - March April May June July August	1,342,076 1,223,867 1,191,364 1,439,688 1,479,335 1,381,402 1,281,134 1,238,082 1,216,456 1,185,274	619,090 590,157 577,530 612,833 660,213 644,098 618,455 599,641 590,602 584,119	146,738 140,477 133,883 131,938 124,855 124,069 122,460 118,179 116,691 113,053	59,464 58,551 57,963 62,626 66,250 65,154 62,818 63,220 61,258 61,716	50,710 47,915 47,483 51,942 55,718 54,060 51,528 50,399 47,771 48,684	2,218,078 2,060,967 2,008,223 2,299,027 2,386,371 2,268,783 2,136,395 2,069,521 2,069,521 2,022,778 1,992,846	707,09 724,32 692,65 718,78 723,60 732,01 722,30 711,81 703,54 681,11

(*) On the discrepancies between actual unemployed and persons registered at Labour Exchange Offices, see, i.a., A. Molinari, Unemployment Statistics in Italy with Special Reference to Southern Italy, this Review, No. 21, 1952.

(a) Unemployed workers who were previously employed. (b) Young persons under 21 years of age, and other persons in search of their first employment, or discharged from the armed forces. (c) Women engaged in house work who are seeking their first employment. (d) Pensioners in search of employment. (e) Employed workers in search of other employment. Source: Ministry of Labour.

ITALIAN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES (unadjusted, 1938=100)

Table P

	Gene-					. M	anuf	acture	: S				Elec-
Year or month	ral Index	Min- ing	Total	Food	Tex- tiles	Lum- ber	Paper	Metal- lurgy	Engi- ncer- ing	Build- ing Material	Chem- icals	Rubber	tric Power
1952 - a. av	142 165 181 196 202 196 206	145 179 200 241 249 211	136 159 176 190 197 190	146 152 158 163 164 159	105 115 117 104 116 101	62 167 173 176 177 185 183	113 129 134 144 153 146	150 149 173 212 211 218 222	142 170 178 203 217 200 230	 174 207 207 215 208	172 225 278 313 309 315 318	142 160 194 202 231 199 218	193 206 219 233 233 237 236
Dec	205 215 214 225	287 312 282 302	209 208 218	173 159 160	106 115 110 121	169 169 175 184	168 162 167	217 221 239 249	196 238 241 255	211 217 230 238	346 347 358	188 215 162 202	245 237 248 262

Source: Bollettino Mensile di Statistica.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS Index Numbers, 1948 (annual average)=100

Table Q

	Number	Goods loaded and	Number of tele-	Sales in depart-		mobil uction	Tourist	Railways
Month	of rooms planned	unloaded in Italian ports	grams di- spatched	ment stores	Cars	Lorries	movement	traffic
1955 - March	614.4 578.0 441.4	578.0. 233.2 441.4 248.6	166.2 168.5 185.9	403.2 576.4 500.3	460.5 574.9 671.1	280.8 236.9 254.7	263.6 827.5 1,146.9	133.4 133.9 154.9
December	793.3 674.5	244.4 237.6 225.2	181.9 170.5 176.2	1,065.7 483.0 378.9	489.0 606.2 688.3	225.9 215.5 247.1	284.0 228.0 207.8	140.3 133.3 124.1
March June	659.3 462.9	263.3 259.0	182.6 196.7	524.9 680.2	694.6 734.2	249.0 272.8	299.5 1,052.2	144.4
July	523.9 348.2		196.2 193.5	595.2	• • •		1,544.6	

Source: Previsioni a breve termine.

ITALY'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1954, 1955 AND 1956 (million lire)

Table R

Month	r 9 5 4			I	9 5 5		т 9 5 6.			
	Imports	Exports	Deficit	Imports	Exports	Deficit	Imports	Exsports	Deficit	
January	134,482 126,946 144,344 133,381 129,675 122,235 118,467	80,374 85,258 91,475 81,325 80,076 81,356 87,982	- 54,108 - 41,688 - 52,869 - 52,056 - 49,599 - 40,879 - 30,485 - 321,684	133,110 144,062 139,937 148,058 147,386 142,635	77,160 84,085 93,821 90,178 95,101 95,327 104,174	- 49,025 - 50,241 - 49,759 - 52,957 - 52,049 - 38,461 - 352,175		117,213 103,136 106,274 106,568 116,462	- 65,158 - 47,702 - 52,548 - 49,236 - 62,533 - 68,935 - 34,992 - 381,106	
Annual total	1,500,611	941,780	- 558,822	1,691,164	1,160,688	- 530,496				

Source: Statistica del Commercio con l'Estero.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM QUOTATIONS OF SOME ITALIAN COMPANIES QUOTED ON STOCK EXCHANGES (Lire)

Table S

	1955						1956			
Companies	II Quarter		III Quarter		IV Quarter		I Quarter		II Quarter	
	Maxi- mum	Mini- mum	Maxi- mum	Mini- mum	Maxi- mum	Mini- mum	Maxi- mum	Mini- mum	Maxi- mum	Mini- mum
Financial and Insurance										
Strade Ferrate Meridionali (Bastogi) S.T.E.T Soc. Torinese Eserc. Telefonici . La Centrale	1,840 2,450 9,699 2,996 19,100 7,500	1,473 2,245 8,440 2,525 16,200 6,600	3,479 22,090	1,573 2,380 9,200 2,897 18,900 7,165	1,960 2,830 10,930 3,503 22,350 8,225	1,545 2,380 9,000 2,605 18,300 6,790	1,745 2,550 9,700 3,003 20,900 7,125	1,515 2,325 8,750 2,540 18,250 6,020	1,790 2,510 9,275 2,730 20,450 6,860	1,230 2,200 8,525 2,340 18,000 5,700
Textiles										-
Snia Viscosa Chatillon - Soc. Ital. Fibre Tessili Art. Linificio e Canapificio Nazionale Cotonificio Vittorio Olcese Cucirini Cantoni Coats Cotonificio Cantoni Lanificio Rossi	1,530 2,350 655 1,080 7,828 11,150 12,825	1,930 544 796 6,000 9,950	2,800 958 1,500 7,220 12,300	639 860 6,200 10,600	1,945 2,640 903 1,290 6,975 11,510 7,800	1,500 2,150 592 1,000 6,310 9,700 6,050	1,740 2,550 695 1,020 6,660 10,450 7,000	1,442 2,350 507 805 6,200 9,720 5,200	1,590 2,500 556 825 6,530 10,400 5,235	1,240 2,090 492 627 6,150 9,700 3,850
Minerals, Metals and Engineering										
Monte Amiata Ilva Alti Forni e Acciaierie d'Italia Dalmine Terni F.I.A'T. Ansaldo Bianchi Edoardo	8,200 486 1,530 283 1,492 1,232 698	6,500 366 1,330 217 1,267 1,005	658 1,762 415 1,821	7,380 440 1,523 270 1,497 950 574	668 1,750 428 1,841	7,500 540 1,400 298 1,400 750 523	8,100 636 1,693 326 1,645 940 596	6,600 558 1,446 279 1,339 690 512	8,550 619 1,580 293 1,460 802 560	6,700 395 1,386 232 1,000 500 477
Public Utilities										
Società Edison C.I.E.L.I. Soc. Adriatica di Elettricità S.I.P Soc. Idroelettrica Piemonte Soc. Meridionale di Elettricità Soc. Elettrica Selt - Valdarno Soc. Romana di Elettricità Soc. Telefonica Tirrena - Serie B	2,765 2,890 1,453 1,367 1,325 5,040 4,955 3,495		3,340 1,396 1,545 1,525 3,230	1,310 1,295 2,600 2,565	1,447 1,605 1,615 3,350 3,250	2,680 3,080 1,270 1,400 1,400 2,830 2,780	3,475 1,363 1,500 1,462	2,585 3,110 1,252 1,330 1,320 2,990 2,805	2,903 3,460 1,340 1,447 1,412 3,180 3,022	2,450 3,020 1,210 1,235 1,210 2,340 2,300
Italeable	5,100	4,760	5,890	5,190	6,370	4,900	5,640	5,260	5,400	4,450
Foodstuffs Eridania - Zuccherifici Nazionali Soc. Italiana Industria Zuccheri	25,800 23,850	22,750 21,600	26,375 23,450	24,400 21,800	26,675 22,525	20,250 17,400	22,700 20,250	19,200 15,975	23,125 20,525	19,000 16,975
Chemicals										
. Montecatini	2,770 2,632 1,687	2,125	3,227	2,615	3,300		2,750		2,685	2,225
Sundry					_	_		_		
Soc. Gen. Immobiliare	660 9,000 3,160 12,340 13,200	7,990 2,660	9,690 3,600 14,770	8,600 3,040	10,320	8,800 2,840 13,200	9,550 3,300 14,420	8,490 2,846 12,995	9,025 2,990 13,150	3,700 2,375 11,890

Source: Bollettino Mensile di Statistica.