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MY TELNO 1030: LUXEMBOURG COUNCIL: FURTHER ITALIAN PRESS REACTION.

1. ITALIAN PRESS STILL EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE LUXEMBOURG RESULTS BUT ARE BEGINNING TO ACCEPT THE POLITICAL REALITIES. CRAXI'S OFFICE APPEAR TO BE LEAVING ITALIAN OPTIONS SLIGHTLY OPEN.

SPINELLI AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.

2. THERE ARE NO LESS THAN THREE INTERVIEWS WITH SPINELLI AND AN ARTICLE BY HIM. HE ADOPTS A HARD LINE: "THE STRASBOURG ASSEMBLY WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED" AND HIS PRESENTATION IN BRUSSELS ON WEDNESDAY MORNING IS FULLY REPORTED. HOWEVER, AN ARTICLE IN "LA REPUBBLICA" SAYS "THE EUROPARLIAMENT HESITATES OVER THE LUXEMBOURG RESULTS". IN A BRUSSELS REPORT THE "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" SAYS THAT MEPS ARE BEGINNING TO ACCEPT THE "GREAT BETRAYAL" AND PREDICTS THAT THEIR FURY WILL SOON DISSOLVE.

ANDREOTTI.

3. SPEAKING IN THE LOWER HOUSE YESTERDAY ON THE OCCASION OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE ENTRY OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL INTO THE COMMUNITY (RATIFIED BY 384 VOTES TO 27) ANDREOTTI REFERRED BRIEFLY TO THE LUXEMBOURG AGREEMENT. HE DEFENDED ITALY'S STANCE OVER THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND SAID THAT WHILE SOME NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS APPEARED UNWILLING TO CEDE ANY POWER TO IT. THESE POWERS ALREADY RESIDED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. "WITH DEEP BITTERNESS I OBSERVE THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDERS IS FADING AWAY - DE GAULLE IS DEAD BUT HIS HEIRS REMAIN".

STATEMENT BY CRAXI'S OFFICE.

4. A NOTE ISSUED BY PALAZZO CHIGI ADOPTS A Milder TONE. "PATIENT EFFORTS AT COMPROMISE HAVE ALLOWED APPRECIABLE PROGRESS ON THE WAY TO EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. ITALY, WITHOUT THE PLAN FOR A DYNAMIC CONCEPTION OF THE COMMUNITY, HAS WORKED TO OVERCOME DIFFERENCES". HOWEVER "THE COMPROMISES REACHED CANNOT BE CONSIDERED SATISFYING FOR ALL SECTORS AND, IN SOME CASES, ARE BELOW EXPECTATIONS". THE NOTE TALKS OF SOME POSITIVE ELEMENTS SUCH AS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF TREATY REFORMS, IMPROVEMENTS IN DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES, THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF "EUROPE WITHOUT FRONTIERS", THE CODIFICATION OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND THE /INCORPORATION



INCORPORATION INTO THE TREATY OF MOVES TOWARDS ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION. THE NOTE DESCRIBES AS UNSATISFACTORY THE UNDERSTANDING ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND INCLUDES REFERENCES TO ITALY'S RESERVES ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND COHESION.

5. WHILE THE SOCIALIST PAPER "AVANTI" SAYS "BRITAIN WANTS TO CUT THE EUROPARLIAMENT DOWN TO SIZE", THERE IS NO OTHER COMMENT ON UK EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF A PARIS/BONN/LONDON UNDERSTANDING. "IL SOLE 24 ORE", THE FINANCIAL DAILY, COMMENTS THAT ITALY'S WEAKNESS IN THE EC WAS REVEALED, AND ITS DIPLOMACY HUMILIATED: BUT OTHERWISE COMMENT REMAINS SUPPORTIVE OF ITALY'S ATTITUDE.

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