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PSI -

The autonomist group, supporting Nenni, has lost some ground to the pro-Communists because PSI was rebuffed by the DC and PSDI. The autonomists also suffered because they went too far in making concessions to the right thereby alienating some PSI adherents.

Deprived of both political and financial encouragement to be independent of the PCI, this group can and will be destroyed. The Communists will re-capture Italian Socialism.

Italian political stability will become increasingly precarious. Italian democracy will never escape the daily danger of the disloyal communist left.

CGIL --

Reverses

Di Vittorio's death following comissioni interne has greatly weakened the PCI hold. There is no one in the CGIL who has Di Vittorio's prestige or his personal power. The Communists will probably never again be so powerful in the CGIL.

Novella's election to succeed him will hurt the PCI, not help it. A hard Communist leader cannot conciliate the Socialists. He will only hasten their disengagement and coagulation as a separate faction. His election suggests that the PCI's strength in the Executive Committee is predominant. Something we always knew. But strength here does not mean strength among the Socialists.

Socialist strength can neutralize the Communists if the Socialists unite and remain inside the CGIL. A new split would only weaken the non-Communists.

Olivetti -

Olivetti is a Utopian socialist. He is a dedicated Europeanist and unshakeable democrat. He is spending his personal fortune

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Olivetti, cont'd

to encourage development of a modern political movement in Italy. He has brought great imagination and the resources of the modern world to bear - sociologists, engineers, city planners, adult education specialists.

The Comunità Movement is his creature. He pays the bill. He calls the tune. He has political aspirations. At present he is mayor of Ivrea and is virtually boss of the Canavese Valley near Turin. He has demonstrated that he can make a very successful political machine which will have a vitality that Lauro's "pasta politics" will never have. But he has only limited resources.

The PSI has sought Olivetti's adherence as well as that of the UP and other non-Communist groups on the left. Olivetti wants to join. He thinks the PSI lacks a modern ideology that he believes his group can provide. He is very sensitive to the danger of Communist control and would never enter the PSI if he were not convinced that it would be non-Communist. At present he is not convinced that his group alone can assure a non-Communist majority at the PSI control level.

Olivetti is important. He has gained prestige. He does have influence on the left. He is trusted as an honest man, if perhaps a dreamer. Italians are sceptical of anyone who will spend his fortune for a good cause. Nevertheless, he counts and has an attraction for left wing voters. He may be able to take a seat or two in the chamber and/or one in the Senate from Piedmont. He is an important part of the non-Communist left.

In the long term Olivetti's influence in Italy, in Europe and in Eastern Europe could be very important. He is a shining example of what private business can do if it has a social conscience. He ~~demonstrates~~ <sup>demonstrates</sup> the social potential of a democratic regime. His example is bound to influence non-Communist students and leaders throughout Europe.

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