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Italy

- Robb says Fanfani has just formed a tough, well conceived program. Republican; liberal center have given good reaction. Socialists; SD's trying to get Craxi still has control over those in his party wanting immediate elections. Organized labor very upset with "force" in collective bargaining, but has little maneuvering room. workers not organizing out on strike

- Italy; Republican and commitment to budget cuts: long term mandate (hoping to settle in interest of Spadolini?) PSDI (socialists) want protection of main commitment pensioners.

Some fear deal between Fanfani & Sen. Craxi (PSI) for the former to succeed Pertini at the end of his term, for Craxi, spring elections and another crack at PSD's job

- Italy - De Mita & C.D. distrusts PCI - could work with Communists. spoke of historically "completing" Italian democracy. Deal in while PCI gets larger voice on social issues. Berlusconi cautious.

What do
Socialists
get?

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Italy: micron fuel dropper for Iraq, presumably w/o
good knowledge.

Notes Re Spadolini Visit

- Spadolini - 3rd anti-left / directed class Republican Party
- 1st time since return of CO
- west coalition (force between Socialists / COO) lasted 16 mos.
PSI pulled out of coalition in August 82
- working on terrorism - not modeling cases but getting
at safehouses, weapons storage, etc. (Are we helping?
French attitude? structural / organizational changes?)
- economic problems: large public sector deficit;
inflation; unemployment; high labor costs.
- impossible position because he must impose an
austerity budget.
- what do we think the Italian... possibly, what attitude?
- do we need examples - in recognition
- air bus, → French applying strong political pressure /
we want it decided on technical / commercial ground.
- access issue: no real 4 power committee -
- stresses need for coordination GATT (Commun Nov 24)
- have problem with application of Article 30
- Iranian negotiations?
- Italian worry about "stagnancy" in W position
- CSCE?

- Spadolini survived vote only because DC/PCI didn't want elections now.
 - > DC favors austerity, program (16% inflation rate); Socialists on 12% unemployment. Craxi hopes to reap significant votes on the left at expense of Communists.
- PCI moving toward merger with Democrats, Berlinguer seems in control; PCI may lose fewer votes than previously believed. If PCI; DC held present support, post-election coalition building could be even more difficult.
- [with Italy vitally imp. to achieve ties to all groups in rapidly shifting political constellation]
- CD's seem to be moving toward opposition in principle to PCI governing arrangement. They hope PCI evolving into more conventional party. De Muro said, signals that PCI would accept Craxi PM, and that he might find this irrevocable.
- PCI looking for a way to set order to settle early. CD believes early elections work against them, and hence see Spadolini as a way to keep Socialists at bay.
- will be the position of ^(pipeline) ~~Craxi~~ ^{Craxi} is key to his survival?
- expect weak export led recovery

Italian "pause" on gas contracts (with Algeria)
attributable in large part to domestic political
concerns and negotiations for Algerian gas
and Spadolini is expected to allow contract
to be signed after his return from work system
(descent interval problems?)

and their helpfulness would it they don't
under breakthrough in private big 4 dialogue?

- Presidential talks not of equal weight, e.g.
GATT need for movement in safeguards;
Agricultural subsidies. means doesn't
Werner Pöhl. Italians are EC handling
in West Bank.
- Italy as bisphen cut too. Target 1 given largely
inflation by UK, FRG
- Craxi socialist overcoming a different tradition.
- save big son for last -
Dennis JF sequenters.