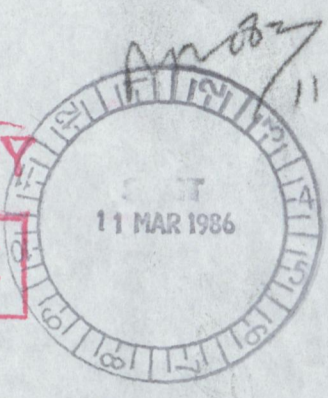


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ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT MEETING IN FLORENCE: ITALIAN PRESS COMMENT.

1. ALL PAPERS HAVE STORIES ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO FLORENCE. MUCH IS MADE OF THE PROPOSED EXTRADITION AGREEMENT WHICH, IT IS CLAIMED, WILL EASE THE EXTRADITION OF RIGHT-WING ITALIAN TERRORISTS FROM BRITAIN. OTHER POINTS COVERED ARE TERRORISM, EAST/WEST RELATIONS AND AEROSPACE COOPERATION. THE FLORENCE AND BOLOGNA PAPERS BOTH CARRY THE INTERVIEW WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.
2. LATE LAST NIGHT A 24-HOUR JOURNALIST STRIKE WAS DECLARED FROM 6 AM TODAY, SO IT IS FORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE FULL COVERAGE TODAY. ARTICLES GIVE A REASONABLY ACCURATE LIST OF SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SUMMIT MEETING, BASED MOSTLY ON A LONDON DATED ANSA REPORT. THIS REPORT SAYS THAT THE NEW EXTRADITION TREATY 'WILL EASE THE CAPTURE OF TERRORISTS' AND STATES THAT THE 1873 AGREEMENT 'PERMITTED VARIOUS NEOFASCIST ITALIANS CONDEMNED FOR PARTICIPATION IN 'ARMED TERRORIST ACTIVITY' TO SEEK REFUGE IN LONDON WHERE THEY HAVE REMAINED UNPUNISHED'. A LEADING ARTICLE IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY PAPER AVANTI PLACES EMPHASIS ON EAST/WEST RELATIONS AND THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION IN VIEW OF THE TOKYO SUMMIT. THE PAPER STATES THAT THE UK 'IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE QUESTION OF THE FRANCO/BRITISH NUCLEAR DETERRENTS' AND STATES THAT CRAXI WILL GIVE THE ITALIAN POINT OF VIEW AND HOPES THAT, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE US/USSR DIALOGUE, THIS QUESTION CAN ALSO BE SOLVED. IT GOES ON TO STATE THAT CRAXI INTENDS TO REAFFIRM THE CONVICTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE TOKYO SUMMIT SHOULD NOT CONFINE ITSELF TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES BUT MUST ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEEDS OF POORER COUNTRIES. THE CENTRE-LEFT DAILY REPUBBLICA COVERS THE SAME GROUND BUT ADDS THAT A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING CIVIL AIR SERVICES WILL BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
3. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW IN LA NAZIONE AND IL RESTO DEL CARLINO DEALS WITH FIVE SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECTS: THE EEC AFTER THE DANISH REFERNDUM; THE REAGAN/GORBACHOV SUMMIT TALKS; THE BRITISH NUCLEAR DETERRENT; MIDDLE EAST TERRORISM AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE PLO/KING HUSSEIN TALKS; AND THE QUESTION OF WHETHER ITALY COULD HELP IN ANY ARGENTINE/BRITISH RECONCILIATION. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPLIES CONTAIN NO OBVIOUS MISREPORTING.
4. COMMENT: THE PRESS HAVE RAISED THE EXPECTATION THAT EXTRADITION OF RIGHT-WING ITALIANS ACCUSED OF TERRORISM LIVING IN LONDON WILL BE CONSIDERABLY EASED, AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RAISE THIS QUESTION AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON 12 MARCH.

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