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1. The Czech trade delegation is reported to have arrived in Rome on 30 January to work on a new commercial treaty with Italy.

2. Contrary to the usual practice, negotiations are being handled at the Directorate General for Italians Abroad with Corrado Masi presiding. Giuseppe Brusasca (Under-Secretary for Industry and Commerce) has only one representative, Umberto Natali, on the Italian delegation.

Comment: It is believed that the above arrangements were made because the negotiations will provide for the dispatch abroad of a large group of Italians charged with emigrant interests.

3. At the first meeting of the Italo-Czech delegations Umberto Natali is reported to have walked out when he found Masi presiding and it was apparently agreed on 31 January that the political and general economic aspects of the accord would be taken up in separate meetings under Natali.

4. Lengthy negotiations are anticipated and the Czech delegation has requested and is said to have been granted permission to make two round trip flights between Rome and Prague while the negotiations are in progress.

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