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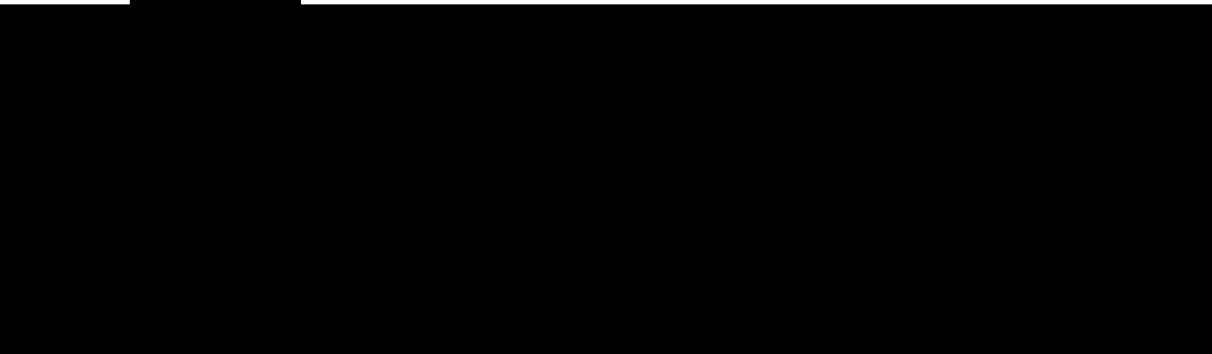
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1. The Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI; Italian Social Movement) although officially a political party, is not only split by various "currents", but contains several groups with completely divergent aims. Some of its prominent members favor a Monarchy, others a Republic run on classical Fascist lines, others again a Republic based on the principles of the former Italian Social Republic.
2. The main divisions in the MSI are as follows:
  - a. The "official current" is that of Secretary General Augusto De Marsanich. It stands for:
    - (1) The possibility of an understanding with the Atlantic Pact powers;
    - (2) A Republic in preference to a Monarchy;
    - (3) A nationalist standpoint;
    - (4) A form of Socialism based largely on the principles of the former Italian Social Republic, but not rigidly so; and
    - (5) Co-operation with other right-wing elements.
  - b. The right-wing current stands for:
    - (1) Support of the Atlantic Pact;
    - (2) An uncompromising support for pre-1943 Fascist principles;
    - (3) Co-operation with other right-wing elements; and
    - (4) A nationalist standpoint.
  - c. The left-wing current under Giorgio Almirante, formerly a member of the Executive Committee, stands for:
    - (1) An uncompromising support for the Social principles of the former Italian Social Republic;
    - (2) An extreme nationalism;
    - (3) No collaboration at present with other parties;
    - (4) Opposition to the British and, to a slightly lesser degree, the Americans; and
    - (5) The possibility of co-operation with the Communists in concerted action against the present Government.

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- d. A small group under Stanis Buinas<sup>1</sup>, director of Il Pensiero Nazionale, which is violent and revolutionary, strongly opposed to the center of De Marsanich, and hostile to Almirante on personal grounds. This group is not at all averse to collaboration with the Communists for political ends.
- e. A small group around the ultra-right-wing paper Asso di Bastoni (Ass of Clubs), which encourages "nostalgic" eulogies of Benito Mussolini. Many are ardent former followers of Roberto Farinacci. Not all subscribers to the paper, or all members of the editorial staff, are in the MSI, and the paper is not recognized as an official mouthpiece of the Movement, although it has a fairly large circulation among the various currents.
3. All currents are united in hostility to the Christian Democrats, Liberals and Socialists, and most are all hostile to the Communists. All are opposed to Marxism; but it is likely that many, of whatever current, would join with the Communists in active revolutionary measures against the Government, with the intention of taking control later.
4. Finances. Almost all the MSI's funds come from industrialists. Franco Marinotti, President of Snia Viscosa, is the chief contributor. Then follow Count Gaetano Marsotto di Valdagno and Giulio Brusadelli. The big landowners of the South provide funds to local MSI Federations, not to the National Directorate. The biggest contributors are in the Salerno and Lecce areas.
5. The right-wing Christian Democratic Deputy, Carmine De Martino, leader of the "Vespisti"<sup>2</sup>, also provides funds for the MSI in Campania region, ostensibly in order to provide opposition to the Italian Communist Party, but probably in fact in order to ensure himself in case the MSI comes to power.
6. The industrialists pay their contributions to the MSI largely at the instigation of former Fascist hierarchs such as Giuseppe Bottai, Dino Grandi, Augusto Turati and Tullio Cianetti, although these men are officially personae non gratae to the Executive Committee.

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