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1. The Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL; Italian General Confederation of Labor) has reportedly organized new syndical commissions in Italian factories called Factory Syndical Commissions (Commissioni Sindacali di Fabbrica).
2. These Commissions are the result of a project begun at the National Congress of the CGIL held in Genoa in October 1949. Allegedly, these Commissions would free the members of the Internal Commissions from syndical tasks and permit them to carry out their duties as representatives of labor.
3. The political inefficiency of the Internal Commissions was brought up at the VII National Congress of the Italian Communist Party. Pietro Secchia and Giuseppe di Vittorio particularly suggested the necessity for a better political organization among the workmen. Their first efforts, however, had little success and were the subject of much discussion and study. The reorganization was planned for the 5, 6, and 7 October meeting in Milan of several members of the CGIL Secretariat and the Chamber of Labor of northern Italy.
5. The Commissions have been almost unheard of in central and southern Italy and reportedly have not been very effective in northern Italy.
6. The duties of these Commissions are:
  - a. Sabotage of war production;
  - b. Industrial espionage consisting of information on:
    - (1) Production for Atlantic defense;
    - (2) Efficiency of the plants; and
    - (3) Destination of the product, et cetera.
7. The Factory Information Commissions discussed in [REDACTED] would act as auxiliary units to the Factory Syndical Commissions in factories of importance that are used by the Italian Government for war production.

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[REDACTED] Comment: The relationships, if any, between the  
Syndical Factory Commissions and the Syndical Information Com-  
missions has not been clearly established. For further informa-  
tion on the Factory Syndical Commissions, [REDACTED]

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