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# Italy's Reds Assail 'CIA Payoffs'

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Italy's Communist party, the second largest political party in the country, yesterday attacked reported payments by the Central Intelligence Agency to anti-Communist politicians as "brutal interference in our domestic affairs."

The party's newspaper, L'Unita, said the money had failed to stop the advance of Italy's Communists, but succeeded in feeding "bad government and corruption" and in aggravating "the general crisis of the country."

The statement was the first by the party on the Washington reports that the CIA paid more than \$6 million to individual anti-Communist political leaders in the past month. The newspaper said

the "state director" for the operation clearly was Secretary of State Henry Kissinger "who absolutely wants to block the participation of Communists in the governments of Western European countries."

Despite the harsh reaction of the party, its officials generally take the line of other politicians here who believe that the impact of such reports on domestic affairs are likely to be minimal.

Italian newspapers all decided that the reports of new payments to their politicians had secondary importance to present political troubles and the resignation Wednesday of the two-party coalition government of Christian Democrats, Italy's largest party, and the Republicans, one of the smallest.

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