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With ruins of the Forum in the background, Government employees demonstrated yesterday in Rome for new contracts. Action had been planned before Cabinet resigned.

Italy's Reds Say C.I.A. Intensified Crisis

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ROME, Jan. 8—Italy's Communist Party today attacked reported financial aid by the Central Intelligence Agency to non-Communist political leaders here as "brutal interference in our domestic affairs."

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

The American funds "have not been well spent in any sense of the word," the paper added.

The statement was the first from the Communist Party, Italy's largest party after the Christian Democrats, on reports from Washington that the Central Intelligence Agency had given more than \$6 million to non-Communist political leaders in the last month. The newspaper said the "stage director" for the operation clearly had been Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger "who abso-

lutely wants to block the participation of Communists in the governments of West European countries."

Despite the harsh tone of the party's reaction, its officials generally took the line, like other politicians here, that the reports would have only slight impact on domestic affairs in Italy. Several diplomats said that the Italians would probably be more surprised to learn that the C.I.A. was not handing out money to bolster the non-Communist parties.

Soviet Aid To Assumed

Italians in general take it for granted that the Soviet Union has sent money to the Communist Party here.

Italy's newspapers gave secondary display today to the reports of C.I.A. payments to political leaders, focusing instead on the resignation yesterday of the coalition Government of Christian Democrats and the small Republican Party. Most newspapers did not even put the reports on C.I.A. aid on their front pages.

The Social Democrats joined other non-Communist parties in

denying receipt of any new C.I.A. funds. But several politicians commented that if individual party leaders had been handed money they would hardly report it to their party headquarters.

The major question here was how long the political crisis would persist. The Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Aldo Moro, will continue to govern in a caretaker role while President Giovanni Leone seeks a solution to the crisis in a series of meetings beginning Monday.

The President, whose list of visitors next week reads like a Who's Who of Italy, is expected to ask either Mr. Moro or another Christian Democrat to try to form a new government. If those efforts fail, the President would have no choice but to dissolve Parliament and call for elections, which could enable the Communist Party to emerge as the largest in Italy.