

Summaries

Maria Paola Del Rossi, *The Trades Union Congress and Europe: from the debate on joining the Eec to the Maastricht Treaty (1961-1992)*

The essay reconstructs the role and action played by British Labor movement in Europe from the start of the debate on Britain's entry into the Eec in the 1960s to the Maastricht Treaty. Taking into account the British peculiarity in relation to the European integration process, the essay firstly analyses the relationship between the Labor movement and Europe from the signing of the Treaties of Rome to Britain's entry into the Eec in the 1970s; secondly, the essay observes the role played by the Tuc in the process of building the European Trade Union Confederation and its evolution; finally, it delves into the regaining in the 1980s of a political space for action for the Tuc in Delors' social Europe, after the marginalization imposed by Thatcher.

Key words: Trade Union, Labourism, European Integration, Social Europe, European Trades Union Confederation, Labour/Work

Claude Roccati, *The participation of French Trade Unions to the European integration*

The author analyzes the evolution of French trade unions toward the building of Europe. The Cgt which belongs to the communist bloc, fueled strong criticism aimed at the European institutions which distanced it from the process of European construction for years. Instead, Fo and the Cfdt, even if they were not identical in their approach to Europe over the years, have demonstrated more dispositions. If Fo was a militant of the European cause at a time when Europe was considered a bastion against communism, the Cfdt had a particular trajectory and a role of primary importance, especially

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between the 1980s and the 1990s when the Europe designated by Delors somehow corresponded to its political agenda.

Key words: French Trade Unions, Cfdt, Cgt, European Integration, Treaty of Maastricht, Europeanization

Edmondo Montali, *DGB and the European integration process (1950-1980)*

The essay intends to reconstruct the action of the DGB in the Sixties and Seventies, when the dimension of social Europe took shape and to verify the theoretical consistency of an interpretative category known as “defensive integration” which wants the actors of social representation to “react” more than to act in the face of European integration processes. For German trade unionism this means moving on a double dimension of analysis: the first organizational; the second is of a more value-based nature which progressively tends to lose consistency.

Key words: European Integration, Trade Unions, Germany, DGB, Social Model

Fabrizio Loreto, *The Cgil’s “foreign policy” between the Cold War and European integration (1956-1992)*

The essay reconstructs the evolution of the Cgil’s international policy from the first break with the Ussr in 1956, after the events in Hungary, to the start of the European Union in 1992, after the end of the Cold War. The essay analyses the path of autonomy taken in the 1960s in relation to the World Trade Union Federation; then, the process that led in the 1970s to joining the European Trade Union Confederation, also thanks to the relationship with Cisl and Uil; finally, the Cgil’s European programme, the elaboration of which was started before the fall of the Berlin Wall to reach maturity on the eve of the Maastricht Treaty.

Key words: Trade Union, Labour, European Integration, Cold War, Trade Union Autonomy, Trade Union Unity

Ester Lo Biundo, *The BBC in Italian between propaganda and soft power. Elio Nissim the “omini qualunque” during the war*

The aim of this article is to show how the birth and evolution of the BBC foreign services is strongly connected to geo-politics. It also intends to demonstrate how listeners of the BBC Italian Service felt part of a global community of ordinary people who shared similar lives and political views. After defining what transnationalism means, both old and new historiography on the BBC is reviewed to underline how approaches to the study of the corporation have changed over the decades. In the second part of the article, the papers of the broadcaster Elio Nissim will be analyzed as a case study to explain how the BBC managed to exert its soft power on both Italian broadcasters and listeners while concurrently carrying out its propaganda.

Key words: BBC World Service, Radio Londra, transnationalism, Italian Listeners, Soft power, Propaganda

Luca Gorgolini, «Né chiusi, né codisti». *The Experience of ‘La Città Futura: Weekly of the Communist Youth Federation’ (1977-1979)*

The article aims to analyse the story of ‘La Città Futura’, the review of the Italian Communist Youth Federation published from 1977 to 1979. Founded to give strength to the attempt of youth communist to connect with the democratic components of the movement of 1977, ‘La Città Futura’ confirmed the difficulties of Fgci, grappling with a political and organizational crisis. Paying attention to the information campaigns and the debate promoted through the issues of review, the author analyzes the limits but also the original characters of that political and editorial project.

Key words: Italian communist youth federation, Italian communist party, «La Città Futura», Youth, Movement of 1977

Deborah Paci, *The ‘Cuba of the Mediterranean’: Malta’s neutrality and the Maltese Labour Party’s foreign policy as seen from Italy (1971-1981)*

During the Cold War Malta, due to its geostrategic position, played a prominent role in the relations between the Soviet and Western blocs.

Dom Mintoff, leader of the Labour Party known as the Fidel Castro of the Mediterranean, engaged in an autonomous foreign policy playing on several fronts in order to negotiate the best conditions for the young Maltese Republic. The author provides a reflection on how the policy of Dom Mintoff's government was interpreted by Italy. First the political framework in Malta will be addressed; then a political crisis juncture in the relations between Malta and Libya represented by the Medina dispute will be analysed. Finally, the focus will be on the bilateral agreement between Italy and Malta on the protection of the archipelago's neutrality.

Key words: Malta, Italy, Libya, Dom Mintoff, neutrality, cold war