

A Soviet Invention: the "Troika"

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Reading some recent statements of our leaders and politicians about Europe, one is really surprised – and frightened indeed. According to them (mr. Monti, Riccardi, Fini, Bersani, president Napolitano...) we can see the Light of Democracy only if we look at Europe. To keep seeing that Light, any future government in Italy must follow the pro-European route that has been traced by the present government. Whoever dared to try different paths would be our of any "democratic Good", and be worst of the so called "anti-politics".

Such reports are frightening, because the worst thing that can happen to a Nation is to be governed by mystics, visionaries, as in fact appear to be these worshipers of the "most democratic" European Union. Minister Riccardi seems to have forgotten that he and mr. Monti are part of a Government which was not elected by the Italians, and is ruling in the name of Europe. All leaders and politicians of Europe always complained that its main fault is a "democratic deficit". But this deficit has been planned and pursued by the supporters of Europe; because if European citizens had been asked their opinion about it, they would have prevented its creation.

However, the people's instinctive rejection of Europe was driven by the very same names of the european Institutions: names that smell of dictatorship a mile away. In fact, starting from the beginning, those names were copied from the most totalitarian model of all times, the Soviet Union. Actually, the European Union is called "Union" – exactly as the Soviet "Union" – and not "United States of Europe". Its centers of power are called "Commissions" and the decision-makers are called "Commissioners": the same name that Lenin and his comrades chose for themselves when forming the first russian Revolutionary Government. As in bolshevik Russia, the Commissioners are not elected by citizens, but are appointed from a small group of men who hold the maximum power. The only Institution which is directly elected by the citizens is the European Parliament, which – as the russian Duma – simply naps and

whose only purpose is to give well paid positions to politicians. The European Parliament does not govern and never says anything, not even during a grave crisis as the present one, when there are rumors about the collapse of the Euro and perhaps of the European Union itself.

They did not just copy the main institutions of the Power that history has proven to be the most totalitarian of all times: also the "Troika" was one of the most profitable inventions of the Soviet rulers. And now, together with the Geeks, we are waiting for the final judgement of this Troika.

Stalin and his comrades were obsessed with nonexistent counter-revolutionary plots, so they created a Commission to fight "against Counterrevolution". Now we have a similar Commission fighting "against the Debt". Both consist of Troikas, that under Stalin were also known as "shooting sets": three officials who were completely independent, who have judicial and investigative power and whose names were kept secret. The accused, the lawyers and the witnesses could not attend their meetings. Well, this is very similar to the "democratic spirit" that is pervading Europe right now. We would like to know: who chose the name "Troika"? Who are the three powerful men who are investigating into the most intimate affairs of the Greek Nation? Who appointed them? And in the name of which "democratic rules" are the Greeks supposed to accept their judgement?

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