

No! Not this!

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No, Mr. Napolitano, we will not tolerate this disgusting deception! You appointed [Mr. Mario Monti] "Senator for life", to make people believe that he is a politician, and to pretend that Italy is not being handed over to the bankers. This is an intolerable deception. How much you despise the poor Italian People and the Republic and politics! This gives us an idea of the appalling civil and moral poverty of our "representatives". The Holy Bible says that "God vomits hypocrites". I am sure that He never vomited so much.

Mr. Mario Monti appointed Senator for life? Mr. Mario Monti a meritorious and faultless citizen of the Republic? Maybe not all Italian citizens know or remember what happened – and this is what Mr. Giorgio Napolitano counted on, as well as on the silence of politicians and journalists on the matter. When Mario Monti was European Commissary, during the Santer presidency, he was forced to resign because of the "ascertained liability of the Commissaries in cases of fraud, mismanagement and nepotism", as was stated by a College of Experts which was especially appointed by the European Parliament. The final Report of these Experts is appalling, even if they used a very cautious official language.

The final Report describes an absolute absence of controls over "the network of favoritism inside the Administration", and also about "external auxiliaries" and "temporary agents", or "mini-budgets which are forbidden by administrative Procedures". There also were "many external aides who were extra-budgetary, and were well known to the Commission under the surname of 'submarines' ". They are operating under "fictitious contracts" obtained through "recommendations and favoritism". The abusive practice of the "submarine" system caused an uncontrolled spending of more than 7.000 billions within the European Office for Emergency Humanitarian Aid. Billions that came out of our pockets: but just a very small amount of that money reached the

children of Bosnia or Rwanda who were starving to death. It seems that Mr. Mario Monti cannot be removed, or that he can lose a job only to get a better one. In 1999, when there was this ignominious downfall, the new president of the European Commission, Mr. Romano Prodi appointed him again as Commissary. This can happen only in the most honest precincts of our political institutions; ordinary citizens are being tried for shortfalls, or at least lose their job.

Why should we hand down to Mr. Monti our last assets? Just to bow to the last fraudulent deception of the President of the Republic? Politicians that will give their vote to Mr. Monti as new Italian prime minister must know that - since we do not have any power to oppose this - we will note the names of those who said "yes": and we will cancel those names forever in any future election.

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