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States themselves were unable to stand on their feet without countless appeals for help to foreign arms - French and Austrian. Italian Catholics, even the most bigoted of them, are in favor of the separation of powers, that is to say, the Church to the priests and the State to the politicians. Even the Vatican would view with consternation an anti-fascist movement headed by a militant Catholic or still worse by a priest.

It would be an error - an error harmful to the evolution of the Italian political crisis - were the United Nations to endow any single one of the prominent anti-fascists with investiture as the leader of Free Italy. It would be more prudent to recognize the historic peculiarities of Italian politics and to encourage a coalition of those currents which aspire to the creation of a democratic state.

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