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Abstracts

LUCIANO MONZALI, Pietro Quaroni e la questione delle colonie africane dell'Italia: 1945-1949

The article describes Italian attempts to preserve control of its own colonies after Second World War and the political debate inside Italian diplomacy concerning the prospects of Rome's foreign policy in Africa and in Middle East. The aim of this essay is to analyze the views of Pietro Quaroni, Italian ambassador in Moscow and then in Paris, on developments of international relations with the crisis of European imperialisms and the coming of Cold War and his criticism on Rome's will to maintain some political control on former Italian colonies. Only after the failure to find a political agreement with the United Kingdom on the disposal of Italian former colonies (the so-called Sforza-Bevin agreement) in 1949, De Gasperi's government decided to adopt a policy of sincere support of national independence for the Libyan and the Eritrean peoples, as Quaroni had demanded.

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