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## Abstracts

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This paper aims to illustrate the position of the Italian monarchists toward major foreign policy decisions of the governments of Alcide De Gasperi; decisions that led Italy in the North Atlantic Treaty. In this context, the royalists gave proof of great political realism, by supporting the entrance of Italy in the Treaty; entrance considered necessary for the defense of the country and as a prerequisite for the revision of the terms of the Peace Treaty. For monarchists, in fact, the choice of the Western camp and the link with the United States was essential for the survival of the country. Despite this general pro American attitude, in the royalist galaxy emerged some current anti-American, that aimed to keep Italy in a neutral position. Despite the minority of these currents, they bore witness to the complexity of the relationship of the monarchists with the United States: friendship and gratitude for a country that had saved Italy from dictatorship and which subsequently helped it to recover and, in same time, criticism and resentment for the overall U.S. strategy toward the 'Bel Paese'.