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Abstracts

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In 1976 a small party, different from any other for its methods as well as for its goals, got into the Parliament: the Radical Party (RP), led by Marco Pannella. The RP, since its deep renovation in 1962, acted from the bottom up, campaigning for libertarian issues that stemmed from society, especially marginalised minorities, against the traditional party system, that in contempt they called “regime”. Even after their coming into the institutions, the radicals kept giving priority to extraparliamentary activities, such as referendum and others. The otherness of the RP compared to the other groups produced endless conflicts about both the contents and the procedures of parliamentary works.

Between 1979 and 1981 the hope of the radicals to overturn the balance of power in their favour by boosts at the political elections or victories at new referendum fell down. Unable to defeat the Italian “regime”, the RP turned to new horizons, no more national but transnational. At the same time, in the domestic context the expansionary trend of civil rights ended and the relevance of the antipolitical side of the radicals grew a lot.

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