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BACKGROUND NOTE

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A NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER

Cesidio Guazzaroni, whose career in the Italian diplomatic service took him to Washington, Berlin, and Moscow, has become a member of the Commission of the European Communities, replacing Altiero Spinelli.

Spinelli, former EC Commissioner responsible for industrial policy, resigned after being elected to the Italian Parliament last month. His resignation was effective July 5 when he took his seat in the Italian Parliament.

Biographical Sketch

Guazzaroni was born January 5, 1911, in Loreto Aprutino (Pescara), Italy. He holds a doctorate in laws and political science from the University of Rome where he was a teaching assistant in international law from 1937 to 1940.

Guazzaroni began his diplomatic career in November 1940 in the Italian Consulate General in Hamburg.

From 1951-54, Guazzaroni was deputy chief administrative assistant in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, first under Carlo Sforza, then under Alcide de Gasperi, one of the founding fathers of the European Community.

Beginning in 1958, he acted as coordinator between administrations and organizations affected by Italy's activities in the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), the European Economic Community (EEC), and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom).

In this capacity, he took part in meetings of the EC Council of Ministers and of the European Parliament.

From August 1960 to February 1962, Guazzaroni was head of the Service for International Economic Cooperation.

From 1962 to 1967, he was one of three economic directors in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and was given special responsibility for questions of European integration. From 1967 on, he was the only Deputy Assistant Director General for Economic Affairs at the Foreign Ministry.

From October 1971 to April 1976, he was Director General for Economic Affairs. Appointed delegate to the EC Council of Ministers in June 1972, he was confirmed as Ambassador on December 22, 1972.

Guazzaroni was a member of the Merchant Marine's High Council, of the Executive Committee and General Council of the Institute for External Trade, and of the Administrative Council of the Italian Foreign Exchange Office.

He served as chairman of various Italian delegations to bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

Guazzaroni is the author of many foreign policy articles and studies on the Community.
