The newly-appointed Secretary of the Italian Communist Party calls for political alliance with long-time rival Christian Democracy, causing heated debate in Rome's historic Communist headquarters, Via delle Botteghe Oscure. This would be the first chance for the Italian Communist Party to gain government seats, breaking Christian Democracyenforced conventio ad excludendum (exclusion policy).

Is this the dawn of an unprecedented political landscape for our country?

TG1 BREAKING NEWS - 24/10/1973

This morning, an anonymous call to the newsroom of II Messaggero directed a fellow reporter to an orange envelope left on top of a telephone box, containing a statement from the far-left terrorist group known as the Red Brigades.

The authenticity of the statement is still under investigation by the authorities.

More updates to follow.

TG1 BREAKING NEWS - 24/10/1973

An explosion has damaged the Malagrotta refinery, located in the western outskirts of Rome. All activities in the plant had been suspended three days ago due to an ongoing labour strike.

Carabinieri officers are on site to assess damage to the structure as well as possible connections with the threats contained in the Red Brigade statement found earlier today.

More updates to follow.

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TG1 BREAKING NEWS - 24/10/1973

The Italian Communist Party meeting in Via delle Botteghe Oscure has been suspended due to the current high alert. Gathered party members have been escorted to their homes by law enforcement agents.

Senator De Angelis has released a brief statement to the press:

"Brigade cells should not delude themselves. We will never allow terrorists to dictate our political agenda".

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## TG1 BREAKING NEWS - 24/10/1973

A Carabinieri officer was severely wounded while inside Malagrotta refinery. The exact circumstances still remain to be verified. Unofficial sources report that the explosion in the plant was malicious and triggered by the deliberate use of a sophisticated plastic explosive.

More updates to follow.

### TG1 BREAKING NEWS - 24/10/1973

Carabinieri forensics experts have confirmed the malicious nature of the Malagrotta refinery explosion.

A gunfight with the perpetrator has led to the death of the suspected terrorist.

There are no updates on the condition of the wounded officer, who has been taken to the Policlinico Gemelli intensive care unit.

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TG1 BREAKING NEWS - 24/10/1973

Senator Lucioli of the Christian Democracy party has released a statement about the forced interruption of the Italian Communist Party meeting:

"Our country is made bloody by terrorist attacks that are continuously fuelled by ideological degeneracy. I can only pray that our political

future is one of moderation and compromise". TELEX 8 - Timestamp 01:20

TG1 BREAKING NEWS - 24/10/1973

The 15:30 high-speed electric train running from Rome Termini Station towards Milan Central Station has derailed after a major blast caused by a planted explosive.

The ETR 300 model, better known as Settebello, was completely destroyed by the explosion. Initial reports are dramatic, counting more than 120 victims and 50 wounded.

Responsibility for the bombing has not yet been claimed, either by the Red Brigades or by other terrorist groups.

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