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## Italy between the Olympic medals and political tactic

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10 gold medals, 10 silver medals and 20 bronze medals: this is the historic final balance of the Tokyo Olympics for the Italian team. The Olympic achievements of Rome 1960 and Los Angeles 1932, both finished with 36 medals. In addition, 19 disciplines in which Italian athletes managed to get on the podium, with 5 gold medals in athletics (50% of the total) to represent a priceless treasure. The icing on the cake:

there hasn't been a single day where at least one medal hasn't been celebrated.

Great satisfaction was expressed in the closing press conference of the Games at Casa Italia by Italian National Olympic Committee President Giovanni Malagò: "It is the first time that Italy has won at least one medal in each of the days of competition of the Games and this is an absolute record that at most can be equaled - he declared -. It is a multi-ethnic and super integrated Italy. For the first time we had athletes from all regions and autonomous provinces of Italy and athletes born in all five continents ».

This is the dream of the Italian summer that is concealing all the news, especially the political ones.

A few hours after Giuseppe Conte assumed the official leadership of Five Star Movement, the Movement seems to have actually moved somewhere else.

In fact, in these same hours, Prime Minister Mario Draghi gave the okay in principle to the continuation of the so-called "citizenship income".

For some economic policy analysts, it is the opposite of what Italy needs at a time when it should wake up from the soporific "wages at home for the epidemic" and go back to work and think about its future. But income is also the only target, the only concrete result that the Five Star Movement has to show to its voters. So Draghi approving the citizenship income proves the existence of a political agreement with Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio.

In fact, last week Di Maio in an interview with the newspaper La Repubblica promised support to the premier Draghi, against the insinuations and threats that instead originated from the former premier Giuseppe Conte. The Five Star Movement seems to be split, and if this is the case, there are various consequences. Conte is a "Cloven Viscount" to quote the writer Italo Calvino, as head of the 5 Star Movement, and the true leader is once again Luigi Di Maio. There is a sort of scheme in this procedure and perhaps even the beginning of a bit of strategy.

The tactic of Giuseppe Conte seems to be a sort of interest in chaos and early elections: after the vote,

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however few they may be, the Five Star Movement

members of Parliament would respond only to him. So his goal is to bring down the government Draghi and rooting for the worse the better.

Di Maio, together with the Five Star Movement Members of Parliament, vice versa, has a strong interest in staying in office as long as possible, so he needs Mario Draghi as Prime Minister to guarantee his own stability. Between the joys of the Olympics and political tactics of conservation of power, Italy's economic future is now at stake.

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