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Why Did Spinelli become a Communist, in the first place? Answer: because of the war. Equally, he left the Communist Party of Italy because of the war. Not that the Communists, or the Russians, want war. But because 'proletarian internationalism' did not prove strong enough to prevent war.

"The road to pursue is neither easy nor certain, but it must be followed and it will be" (La via da percorrere non è facile né sicura, ma deve essere percorsa e lo sarà), Spinelli and Ernesto Rossi ended their manifesto for a free and united Europe (drafted 1941), which was to put an end to the wars between the nations.

In the Memorandum on the European army (1951), which he wrote for the Italian delegation at the conference on a European defence community, Spinelli criticized those who believe that such a community is possible without a European state. Spinelli set out to elaborate "a sober proposal to create a democratic European power" ("una sobria proposta di creare un potere democratico europeo").

### THE ACTUALITY OF ALTIERO SPINELLI



Automedon / Oswald Hiery's sculpture on the university campus of Saarbrücken / Photo MB

"The times we're living in are affected by the death of the founders, the "progenitors", the parents that passed away and left us with enormous problems. We are the heirs of their delusions, by now we're becoming aware that GROWTH, development, consumerism, the gross domestic product, all this keeps us running on a dead track, and we ask ourselves if there's any railroad switch and who's going to pull the lever." - Wu Ming

"Pain asymbolia is a neurological syndrome. It is caused by some damage close to the brain's insular cortex. It makes you laugh when you experience pain. You don't respond emotionally to that pain, or rather, you give the wrong emotional response." - Wu Ming

Which position did Altiero Spinelli take on the European Nuclear Disarmament (END) movement of the 1980s? Spinelli used his last years to write and fight for a European constitution.

Disarmament was among the objectives of his Draft Treaty Establishing the European Union (1984), but it made no explicit reference to nuclear disarmament.

- Article 11 Transfer from cooperation to common action
- Article 68(1) The European Council may extend the field of cooperation, in particular as regards armaments, sales of arms to non-member States, defence policy and disarmament.

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→ Could END be "the railroad switch" ? - Mikael Böök book @ kaapeli.fi +358445511324

In semaphore the letter "N" is formed by a person holding two flags in an upside-down "V," and the letter "D" is formed by holding one flag pointed straight up and the other pointed straight down. The Nuclear Disarmament symbol, designed (1958) by Gerald Holtom, is a combination of the semaphoric signals for the letters "N" and "D".

