

## Flaminio Piccoli: A patriot passes

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Flaminio Piccoli  
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On April 11, 2000 a great modern patriot of Italy, Senator Flaminio Piccoli, died, at the age of 85, in the Rome Policlinico Gemelli hospital. He was among the prominent patriots of Italy throughout the war-time struggle for its liberation, a leading Christian-Democratic figure of the entire post-war period, and, for me, personally, a dear friend.

I met him for the first time, for an hour's meeting in his Senate office, in 1976. He was among a number of Christian-Democratic and Socialist Party parliamentary and other leaders with whom I discussed the ominous strategic implications of ongoing, radical changes in the policies of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Our personal relationship became much closer over the course of the 1990s, that for reasons stated publicly by the Senator himself on several occasions. That active collaboration continued until the moment I received the saddening news that the beloved Senator had been taken from among us. He continues to live among us, in that simultaneity of temporal eternity, in which his face, and his work remain ever-freshly among us, an active voice among the consciences of we who must continue the mission we and our dear friend had undertaken in common.