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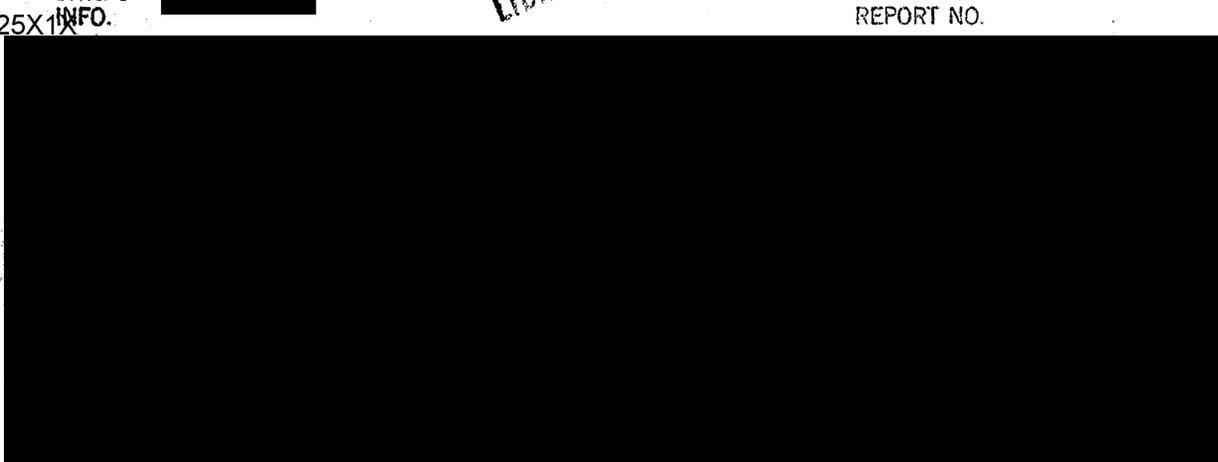
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1. Tasca makes a very forceful impression because of his forthrightness and the obvious authority with which he speaks on the French and Italian Communist Parties, particularly the latter. According to Tasca's statement, during the years immediately following the formation of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party), he along with Antonio Gramsci, Palmiro Togliatti, and Umberto Terracini, determined the PCI line. Tasca until 1927 occupied the position of Controller of the French Communist Party. According to his statement one of the few times that Stalin went in person to speak at the Comintern was in order to counteract the thesis which Tasca was preparing to state before that organization. In the late 1930's Tasca states that he had almost persuaded Togliatti to leave the PCI. According to Tasca Togliatti did not make up his mind to leave the Party because he was afraid of the physical consequences. Tasca added that in his opinion there was no chance of Togliatti's ever varying from the Moscow line in the present or in the future in view of his background and psychological make-up.
2. Tasca described Aldo Cucchi and Valdo Magnani as never having been "real Communists." He stated further that Cucchi and Magnani do not know, nor do they understand, the Communist Party language. Therefore, their speeches, writing, and appeal flow on a different level from the PCI and have no effect on the true PCI bureaucrats. In Tasca's opinion, the Cucchi and Magnani movement had two points of advantage during its initial period of development:
 - a. They represented a thorn which forced the PCI leadership to face problems - internal, ideological and organizational - which otherwise it would have attempted to ignore; and
 - b. They have had opportunities for capillary work among the lower level PCI membership.
3. Therefore, the leadership of the Italian Workers Movement should not force the pace and particularly should not succumb to the temptation of incorporation or identification with the moderate Socialists, i.e. PS(SII).

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