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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.-

SUBJECT: PCI and PSI Collaboration.

It is known that the PSI and the PCI are closely connected as far as political tactics are concerned, by the so-called "Treaty of Proletarian Unity of Action", signed 15 October 1943. Its goal is a revolutionary change in the social systems of the country and a complete renewal of all political and ethical theories. Lately, however, the situation has become rather tense between the PCI and the PSI, so much so, that in some circles of both parties the possibility has been discussed of substituting the old pact with a new one. The following facts can better illustrate this situation:

1. The open discussion of the treaty in the magazine "CRITICA SOCIALE" (PSI - tendency to reform the treaty).
2. The accusation by the daily paper "L'UNITA'" (Rome Edition, 3 August 1946), stating that a/n magazine has published a very acid and vicious editorial.
3. The observation made by the daily "AVANTI!" (Rome Edition, 3 August 1946) stating that the Treaty had a negative rather than positive function.
4. The accusation made against Togliatti by several socialist reformists, who claim that he used the Treaty for propaganda purposes during the electoral campaign in a slanderous way as far as the socialist comrades were concerned.

There is nothing definite about this friction between the two parties, although it is believed in some circles that it may eventually lead to a total break-up of the social-communist front. It is however an important sign of the anti-unionist and reformist tendency now prevailing in the PSI, with the encouragement of Secretary General Lombardo, who was always against the Treaty.

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