

Let's Fight back Repression! Let's Widen the Fight! Let's Unite!

Si.Cobas' workers and activists,

Your quick mobilisation succeeded in pushing back the attack the State and the bosses launched on both Aldo Milani *and you*. You've used the best weapon by fighting united, while renewing your firm trust in your comrade and your self-organising capacity.

Let's have no illusions though. Aldo's getting out of jail does not mean they'll give up attacking him and the Si.Cobas. Sure enough, Levoni&C.'s hoax is just pathetic rubbish, but bosses and State's repressive forces aren't going to retreat after kicking up such a storm.

Intimidations, police actions, all sort of blackmailing - you've been facing that for years. Still, Aldo Milani's arrest shows they want to take it a step further. This is the biggest attempt they've ever made to break up and bury your strong experience in fighting for workers' interests.

Aldo Milani's as well as your "guilt" isn't about corruption. You've been found "guilty" of fighting head-on large companies and cooperatives making fat profits out of slave-like working conditions. Aldo Milani and you are "guilty" of having your rights and dignity at least partially respected with the fight.

Immigrant workers were at first weak in the face of corporate interests: your working conditions were extremely precarious and unbearable. And yet you've been able to self-organise getting stronger and improving your conditions. You've clearly shown that it's worth going on strikes fighting hard. You've proved it to be the only way workers have to protect themselves and have their needs respected. Never delegating your interests to anybody whatsoever and *self-organising as a cohesive movement*, you've shown that workers are strong whenever they unite and play *the leading role* in their fights.

This is precisely what they do not tolerate, the all of them: bosses and their media, the police, judges, and many Cgil-Cisl-Uil white-collars. By arresting Aldo Milani they've tried to scare you, making you lose confidence and hope, and breaking up your organisation. Well, they've failed and we mustn't let them succeed in the future.

Fact is, through repression and detraction they are warning all workers not to follow in your steps, because they do not want the fight to spread beyond the logistics sector and its para-criminal cooperative system, setting fire to many other sectors and areas. They are worried that self-organised workers' fight may grow, with us getting stronger. They are worried, being perfectly aware that workers and young people are just getting *fed up* with unemployment and precarity, unbearably long working hours and starvation wages, along with total disrespect of workers' dignity and shit contracts - just like the one about 70.000 metalworkers have recently rejected.

That's why they're trying to have you forced into a corner, isolating and discrediting your fight. And that's why they're violently picking on immigrant workers. They want them to remain the cheapest labour-force accepting the hardest working condition. And it's not just that: they know immigrant workers may act as a bridge to recent fights sparked in home countries, linking together fights at international level.

We must push this attack back defending the honesty and integrity of Aldo Milani, our comrade and friend. We must mobilise for his liberty and defend Si.Cobas organisation. But that's not enough. In the face of such a rounded attack, it is *crucial to get out of the tight corner* they're trying to back us into. We must then appeal - you and all supporting

organisations – to workers of all sectors: **we must challenge bosses and government large-scale policies by focusing on workers' common interests** and thus getting over all the divisions affecting the working class (precarious/stable- , old/young- , immigrant/Italian- , male/female- , northern/southern workers etc.).

- **Bosses have been *extorting* our wages for 30 years and we now claim solid wage increases through automatic wage increase mechanisms allowing us to recover all the purchasing power we've lost.**
- **Let's stand up to intensifying exploitation, precarity and widespread unemployment claiming a sharp as well as universal cut back on working hours for the same wage, along with average wages for unemployed people.**
- **We want anti-immigrant laws abolished. We oppose the racist and genocidal-like actions taken by the Italian State and other western governments against African and Middle East emigrants running away from all the devastating wars those very governments have sparked off.**
- **We are going to fight hard against all new imperialist UE and NATO wars Italy is joining. We are going to fight for true internationalism, making both immigrants play a key role in political and social struggle, and an effective anti-militarist action supporting victim nations come true.**
- **Let's fight for workers' self-organisation, let's make the proletarian movement be born again!**

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