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Yes to a general strike by proletarians of all origins and categories everywhere! No to a strike of only the “immigrant workers”!

In the last few weeks in France, Italy and elsewhere the proposal has been launched for an “immigrant workers’ strike”, intended as a reply to the recent, repeated episodes of persecution against them (an embryo of the sadly famous programs of a not-so-distant past).

We communists do not agree. The economic crisis, which is far from being over, as politicians and hack reporters would have it, but is in fact experiencing new and dramatic sprints forward, inflates the world of the unemployed to the utmost, gradually worsening the living conditions of the proletariat, exposing those who are still in work to exhausting régimes with the threat of losing it from one day to the next. And it gradually affects *everyone*, if not today then tomorrow: workers in all sectors, of all ages, genders – *and geographical origins*. Meekly obeying capital’s every *diktat*, the disastrous practice of political and union opportunism that has developed over so many decades of betrayal and abandonment, cheating and face-changing, has progressively isolated proletarians and kept them locked in their categories, firms, areas, regional wage differentials, terms of contract, the thousand and one traps of the world of work which, in order to respond to the economic crisis, has conceived and introduced every possible kind of segmentation, dispersion, job insecurity.

In this situation, a mean breed of imbeciles and opportunists has decided to organize this “immigrant workers’ strike”, which even more cuts to pieces the proletarian class within firms, fields, services, isolating it from the rest of the workers – and, in this way, helping and contributing to separation and division. Once again, this is a sign of the devastating job by which political and union organizations (opportunist and corporative) rule the social reality. The proletarians of Rosarno and the thousands of workers scattered in similar local situations have already shown their (unfortunately, “solitary”) action of force: they have placed at its center *not* their condition as foreigners (strangers, aliens), but *the condition of all proletarians*. What they now need is the rousing contact of the *force of the whole class*, not the equivocal and self-interested solidarity of charlatans. That the self same mean breed now also contrives to shed confusion, by organizing a farcical strike on March 12th (which they have the cheek to call “general”!) is still another proof of the fact that *an attack is under way against the whole proletarian class*, and it is waged not only by the State and by the bosses!

To win a victory, even if it is only an immediate one, the reply can only be *to resume open and unrelenting class warfare, refusing to tolerate any separation, ghettoization, division within that enormous army that continues to swell whilst the crisis proceeds and that we call the world proletariat*. To launch the slogan of an “immigrant workers’ strike” means going down the road of betrayal. It is not a sectional strike that proletarians need today, not the thousandth segmentation within their ranks. They need strike action that is *as widespread as possible* in terms of both time and place, which involves *every sector* of the exploited, attacked, repressed and divided proletariat. They need to re-experience the sense of their *collective strength* in practice, to feel and make it felt that “an injury to one is an injury to all”, to close ranks in *a single battlefront* – because this is how to shake the world of capital.

Let’s put an end to betrayal, an end to cheating! We communists side with the proletarians of all origins, ages, categories, genders and in all places, who refuse divisions, delaying tactics, appeals to good-heartedness and to peaceful co-existence, and who once again feel part of the *single army* in their daily fight against the bosses, against capital, and against the State that represents and defends them.

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