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To the Socialist Party of the Oppressed “ Turkey

Dear comrades.

On 28th October you send us an e-mail with some questions “about the struggle in Naples about the garbage dump”, asking whether we or other progressive forces are in the rebellion. You also ask “Who is organizing the demonstrations and the campaign? What is the general situation? Is it only a matter of garbage dump? How is the public support and what is the situation of government?”

As regard the general situation in Italy we enclose a country report we did for the 10th International Conference of Marxist Leninist Parties and Organizations. Reading it, you may see that also in the imperialist countries as Italy is the relation between the imperialist bourgeoisie and the popular masses is a relation of war. It is a special kind of war, not always and not necessarily involving weapons and clashes. Anyway, as regards the environmental devastation and the popular resistance against it, we may see some aspects of the war as it is usually understood. On the side of the popular masses, guerrilla actions are planned and performed, because the popular masses do not fear to die facing the repressive forces, as they are dying en masse because of the environmental devastation.

The resistance is organized by the popular masses themselves. Some progressive and revolutionary forces support it. Our Party promoted and participated in demonstrations supporting this resistance and some young comrades of ours were arrested, tried summarily, sentenced to one year and a half probation.

Besides, this resistance is an aspect of the struggle for establishing an emergency government in Italy, what we call the People’s Bloc Government, about which you may read the country report. On 16th October, in Rome a demonstration organized by the Italian Federation of Metal Workers (FIOM) gathered 800.000 people. Your Party sent a message of solidarity about it. The demonstration marked a quality leap in the path for establishing a People’s Bloc Government in Italy. The leaders of FIOM from the stand clearly told that in Italy we need a government able to face the needs of the masses, able to carry out a policy absolutely opposed to the one that the manager of FIAT and all the reactionary forces backing and following him are trying to impose. Cremaschi, president of the Central Committee of FIOM, told the same at the Conference of Chianciano (Tuscany) organized by the Anti-Imperialist Camp (Italy) and by Democratic Revolution about the economical crisis, on 30th October.

The difference between the popular masses’ resistance in Italy and that in the other imperialist countries, is that in Italy there is a political proposal to face the crisis, that is the

proposal to form an emergency government, the People's Bloc Government. We still have not been able to find something like this elsewhere.

This proposal was done by the (new)Italian Communist Party ((n)PCI) in 2008, immediately after the last outbreak of the crisis, that marked the beginning of the terminal phase of the general crisis begun in the Seventies. Now, this proposal is becoming concrete.

Why an organization not great and working clandestinely, as the (n)PCI is, has been able to influence the politics on a national level? Because when the analysis of the situation is just, when the conception, the line, the strategy are just, the effects are great, very far exceeding the expectations of whom understand reality in a mechanistic and dogmatic way. It needs only one spark to set a prairie on fire.

We enclose an interview about the resistance against the environmental devastation we published in our monthly review *Resistenza*. It answers you in detail.

Thank for your questions. We shall release this answer publicly, as it deals with matters of general interest.

With communist greetings,

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Interview to a comrade of the Committee against the landfill of Terzigno - "Enough of the catastrophe capitalism!"

This interview was done on 21st October, when the Council of Ministers decided to open Vitiello Quarry for spills of waste. In the days following the mobilization and struggle forced the government to take a step back and "freeze" the opening of Vitiello Quarry up indefinitely.

At the time of the writing the government has just announced that the 6-points plan presented on 23rd October will be applied unilaterally (without citizens' consensus, to be clear), after four nights of clashes and pickets, demonstration and road blockades continued and extended to Naples and other towns (including Chiaiano).

As the situation is dynamic and constantly evolving, the interview is a valuable testimony of the spirit, determination and the prospects for this fight.

First of all, we express our full and unconditional solidarity. To rebel against whom pollutes and devastates the country, destroys our health, dismantles hospitals and public schools, takes away our jobs is just and sacred, is the first step to building our future! We start from the beginning: How did this fight begin?

On the territory of Terzigno, Boscoreale and Boscotrecase it began in 2007, when Prodi's government decreed the opening of landfills Vitiello and Sari Quarries (above the current landfill) (â€!). We formed a permanent garrison on the road that leads to the gates of the landfill, because we were not convinced by the reassurance that, simultaneously at the opening of landfill sites, it would be launched the FOS (Stabilized Organic Fraction - transforming waste into compost). The region had not been able to organize even the differentiated refusal collection, let alone the FOS!

It was clear that the authorities were only looking for a landfill, and that their words were nothing but lies and promises. After 6 months of garrisons 24 hours a day, hard for all the comrades because we lived in tents for six months without water and with all the limitations of the case, there was a stalemate.

Then the focus shifted further down in the valley and we too have moved with the movement. Then came the final blow: the government has changed ... Berlusconi sent the military forces... of course, because this is a dictatorship! And the military force opened the landfill Sari, the one in which they spill today. It was clear that sooner or later the pit would have been filled. And in fact we get to it tonight, the news is â€œVitiello Quarry opensâ€. For us it is absolutely not a surprise.

The claims of this â€œrubbishâ€ of institutions were rumors, now this is the proof for many citizens.

Are you in contact with the other movements that have been created in the territories to protect the environment? Definitely! We have direct contacts with other committees and they take part not only in all events, but often in the meetings.

The Health and Environment Network of Campania is sitting at our table and we are part of it, everyone is always here to give full support and solidarity.

In addition to those made until today, are you planning other initiatives?

In these hours we are trying to make a call for a national mobilization, on 30th October. We are trying, but it's hard right now because in the last 20 / 25 days, we have had home searches, intimidations, five boys arrested who are now in Poggioreale jail, four of us taken and carried to the police headquarters... So with all these problems, the core, the hard core is not very large, although participation in the struggle has spread, few and always the same are working permanentlyâ€!

The mobilization remains high: the garrison at the roundabout continues, as the information initiatives in the districts. Even now, as we are speaking, there is a megaphone going around.

The mobilization has changed the balances and has also influenced the decisions of politicians

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The popular mobilization destroyed these balances, smashed them! We are talking quite for some time along with many other comrades of self-organization, of self-determining communities ... today Terzigno, Boscoreale, Boscotrecase are ruling themselves. People are tired and took to the streets. While before the mayors spoke of "a small group of left-wing extremists from outside," today are the citizens who dominate institutions. One hour ago the mayor of Boscoreale, Langella, had to resign from the PDL [Berlusconi's party, Note of Translator], because the pressure was strong, because he had to admit that the institutions have failed. This is a great achievement, it shows that people fighting on the street frightens. The organized people that tries to self-determine in the territories can really affect the reality around us. And the last few days are a demonstration of it.

The media have tried to criminalize the struggle. How do you respond?

We are closing each document, already for some time, with a phrase that characterizes us "against the catastrophe capitalism." We are trying to make understand that capitalism is the catastrophe that brings us to this. The capital always experiments in the province, in the suburbs. It is an old message, we have been taught about it ... and these are attempts by the regime. In these days Terzigno they are trying the coup d'état. When people arises, the government instead of gaining time throws gasoline on the fire. This is the capital trying to see how far it can go. And against the manipulations we are trying to do first counter information and calling comrades working with information to pass our message. This interview is an example of what we do and we try to do also with other people, perhaps even asking to issue a statement of solidarity or whatever. Right now they seek to destroy us, but through the mobilization we can prevent it.

They say you are violent and thugs, as they said of those who fought in Pianura, in Giugliano and Chiaiano. They say the same about the workers that make up road blocks, the Sardinian shepherds occupying the regional council, the ones who threw eggs and smoke bombs to the rightist union leader Bonanni. If their laws impose us to destruction and death ...

This is resistance. In these situations they deliberately need to create the monster, to justify the military force, to justify the police charges. In any case here there is a gang of thugs and criminals. But just look around. The "volcano mothers" are an example [he is talking of "volcano mothers" not only because they are volcanic but also because this zone is the Vesuvian National Park, Note of Translator]. Let them try to argue that mothers with three dependent children are there in the name and on behalf of crime or thugs!

We are all people who are opposing a disaster that will condemn us to death ... we are entitled to resist on this fucking country. Before they kill us.

You're defending the right to life. Where are the Pope, Cardinal Sepe and company, what do

they say about?

I tell a story to understand the situation. There was a blockade of "volcano mothers" of Pompei. Soon after they decided to move into the square where the bishop of Pompei was saying Mass open-air. Some member of the parties who hide behind some committees, said to wait for the Mass to end. And the Mass ended. The bishop, thinking to take a round of applause, claimed to be against the landfill, but for incinerators. Then they asked "sir, are you on the side of the people who fight for the right to life you are so strongly defending, even telling people dying of AIDS not to use condoms, but would not our children under an incinerator die the same?" "He did not know what to say, but "I'm not a technician". "The mothers urged him "why did the children of the mothers of Acerra [where the incinerator is, Note of Translator] risk to die and our children did not? Are not they all children of our same God?" "In the end, without answering, he was escorted away by the police. So it is.

Firstly with Bassolino [former President of the Region Campania, Note of Translator] and Prodi, and then with Berlusconi and Caldoro [present President of the Region Campania, Note of Translator], the line does not change, even if there is a not harmful alternative to the cycle of waste disposal such as that proposed by Health and Environment Network of Campania and by the Zero Waste National Network...

Yes, there is, but politicians do not even hear these things. The advice of the best specialists was given, totally free too, at the town of Naples! Speaking of composting of wet, of cold mechanical biological treatment of waste, mentioning a waste collection door to door, serious and real, are not visionary speeches. They exist in cities like Los Angeles, which are not Terzigno or Boscoreale ... cities with millions of inhabitants.

It 's simple, but the business criminal lobby - which governs from 20 / 30 years this region, and perhaps the entire nation, is not going to take it into account. They need landfills and incinerators to justify their dirty profits.

Solving the problem of waste, but also of companies that are closing, of layoffs and unemployment ... is a political issue. It needs an emergency government formed by representatives of all the fighting people and organizations: in the defense of the environment, of FIOM, at Pomigliano and Termini Imerese [FIAT factories, Note of Translator]...

They too are among us tonight. The immediate response we can give is building a steady, solid and secure block, including FIOM and any fighting people and organization, all together to challenge the issues and work on a single general plan to oppose this "catastrophe capitalism" I mentioned earlier. The only solution is this, to put together all the people and the organizations. We have to stay close to Fincantieri workers of Castellammare, to the workers of the FIAT of Pomigliano and to all the organizations that suffer from the crisis because of these damned masters that are destroying us. It is not enough to gather together the citizens. We must understand that when the worker is fired or laid off, when we die of pollution or when in Sardinia people are beaten for legitimate issues, it's all for the same problem. There is no pollution or unemployment as a problem in itself. The only solution is to get everyone together to confront the catastrophe.

The comrade stops to let us note that the lights of the roundabout where there is a garrison went out.

“Here ... this is one of the “tricks” that happen at Terzigno! You were in the middle of these “tricks” ... Here there is “someone” who has a remote control or something like that to switch off the lighting on the roundabout, when he wants. Suddenly the darkness falls on the roundabouts and for example 10 days ago the police took advantage to fire tear gas, up to the center of the roundabout, then the trucks started to turn around the roundabout at speed and the “forces of the public order” started shooting at head height ... On our site (<http://vesuvioinlotta.blogspot.com>) there are pictures of a man shot in the leg with his leg blown out. It has a hole! No fracture, rubber or other projectile. We kept the cartridge case ... they are really techniques of a regime.

The interview ends here for reasons beyond control: the clashes start. After lights out, this time is the people that attacks the police. It is the resistance, the response to the government's decision, announced a few tens of minutes before, to open the landfill Vitiello Quarry