

“On the altar of technological development we are sacrificing every breath of our individual freedom and the possibility to live a life that is really worth it.”

NICOLA GAI.

“Anarchy rejects that life becomes an ideology, shit or a little more, at best, an impotent exit for frustrated men and women.”

ALFREDO COSPITO.

It is a fact that the Italian war industry represents one of the "**excellencies**" of the national economy, as it is one of the few sectors that knows no crisis, it is certainly not a novelty, this field of investment that produces such high profits that are considered indispensable for the economy of any government, of any colour, with the due respect of all those who enjoy, for example, the hypocritical condemnation of the aggression carried out by Turkey towards the inhabitants and rebels of Rojava and who call for the formal blockade of the export of weapons produced in Italy to Turkey announced by the current government.

And if it is true that "**the war begins here**", which is where the weapons are produced, this is even more true because here, in Genoa, is one of the offices of Leonardo (formerly Finmeccanica), a state-controlled company, which is a world leader in the research and production of advanced technological systems for the military industries and for social control: Helicopters, fighter jets, drones, radars, attack systems, military land and sea vehicles, ammunition, electronic warfare systems and tele-operated, coastal and border protection systems, electronic social control systems to be applied in cities, ports and airports, and much more; Their catalogue is very wide.

Leonardo "**guarantee the principles of democracy in the digital society**" (as the company slogan says) and they produce weapons of mass destruction responsible every day for the death of men and women on the borders of the European Fortress and in several corners of the world, just to give some examples; from Rojava to Syria, from Libya to Yemen.

The company also manages and controls many other war-related companies, including Agusta Westland, Selex Es, Oto Melara and many others.

Until 2017, the Leonardo-Finmeccanica group had control of Ansaldo Energia based in Genoa, a company that produces structures for power plants, thermal plants and, especially with the Ansaldo nuclear division; Another company that produces death, desolation and the devastation of nature through technological progress that is necessary and essential for subsequent and unstoppable industrial development.

And for this reason, right here in Genoa, on May 7, 2012, two anarchists decided to specifically express their rejection of this techno-industrial system by confronting Roberto Adinolfi, CEO of

Ansaldo Nucleare at home, and returning to him, with a pistol shot to the leg, a sample of the harmful effects of the company's projects he has guided and sown around the world.

For this reason, Alfredo Cospito and Nicola Gai were arrested on September 14, 2012. On October 30, during the first hearing of the trial, the two fellow anarchists claimed responsibility for the attack on Ansaldo Nucleare and Finmeccanica, membership of the **Olga Cell FAI / FRI** and were subsequently sentenced to 10 years and 8 months prison for Alfredo, 9 years and 4 months for Nicola. They are charged for a criminal terrorist attack (without the possibility of having access to parole, house arrest, conditional release, etc.).

They are still detained in the high surveillance section of Ferrara prison. Since then, they never stopped making their voices heard, by participating, from behind those walls, in the anarchist debate about the radical fight against state repression, about solidarity inside and outside prisons, about the ways to oppose the system's domination of individuals and to recover the possibility of a life free from authority. From Alfredo's statement read in the courtroom: **“There are many ways to objectively oppose nuclear energy (and not only that, we would say), by blocking trains that transport waste, to sabotage of the pylons that transport the electricity produced by atomic energy. It occurred to me to hit the biggest person responsible for this disaster in Italy: Roberto Adinolfi, CEO of Ansaldo Nucleare.”**

And again: **“The time has come for the great rejection, a refusal made of a plurality of resistances, each of which is a special case; some are possible, necessary, unlikely; others are spontaneous, wild, lonely, concerted, explosive or violent. Ours was lonely and violent.”**

In our opinion, any struggle that, rightly, opposes the production of death and destruction through which these monstrous companies accumulate their profits, cannot ignore solidarity activities to those who have tried to jam the gears of this industrial techno-system: This system will not fall by itself, it will not extinguish itself. Only the action of men and women of certainty, based on the rejection of slavery to the authorities and who reject the commitments imposed by the system itself, and generous in their action, can undermine this prevailing logic of profit and technological order.

FREEDOM FOR ALFREDO AND NICOLA

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