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## Abstracts

FRANCESCO PAOLO PALAIA, *La Cgil, la Vertenza Fiat e la «Marcia Dei Quarantamila»*

*The essay focuses on the dispute at the FIAT works in 1980, reached after a strike of 35 days in the attempt to resist workforce reductions, and on the role played by the CGIL. After a long fight for rights, which started in the late Sixties, the Italian syndicate, on this occasion, suffers the first important defeat that implicates the end of the union movement's season as an active political subject of social conflict.*

*The essay, through the analysis of documents and minutes of the trade union organization, reconstructs the internal discussion during those days; the thesis proposal is that the defeat would be caused by several factors such as a deep division inside the syndicate about how to handle the fight. Documents, in fact, show that CGIL struggled between the line of Turin and the one of the Secretariat in Rome, in other words, between a harder or a softer approach respectively.*

*Another factor to consider is the weakness of CGIL in leading some sectors of the working class after the Eur strategy, formulated in 1978.*

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