

# **Guide to the Pirelli Strike Fliers and Newspapers**

**GEN MSS 2062**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 2062

**TITLE:** Pirelli strike fliers and newspapers

**DATES:** 1956–1976

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.3 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Italian

**SUMMARY:** The collection contains fliers, handbills, newspapers, and periodicals by or relating to workers on strike at the Pirelli tire plant in Bicocca and other factories in Milan, Italy.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Librisenzadata on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2016.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Historical Note

In 1968, workers at the Pirelli tire factory in the Bicocca district of Milan, Italy formed the Comitato unitario di base (CUB), an autonomous, unitary rank-and-file committee independent from the established Italian trade unions. The Pirelli CUB organized a series of wildcat strikes, slowdowns, and stoppages that resulted in a protracted period of labor disputes from September 1968 through December 1969. Other Milanese factories and industries mobilized in the fall of 1969 during a strike wave known as the "Hot Autumn." The major trade unions CGIL, CISL, and UIL became involved with the striking workers, as did the Italian Communist Party (PCI) and other left-wing organizations. Pirelli factory workers continued to organize through the 1970s. Pirelli later closed its Bicocca plant in 1985.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection contains fliers, handbills, newspapers, and periodicals by or relating to workers on strike at the Pirelli tire plant in Bicocca and other factories in Milan, Italy. Materials document rank-and-file committees, trade unions, and left-wing political organizations involved in the Milanese labor movement from 1968 until the mid-1970s. Included are materials by Confederazione generale italiana del lavoro (CGIL); Confederazione italiana sindacati lavoratori (CISL); Unione italiana del lavoro (UIL); Federazione unitaria CGIL-CISL-UIL; Lotta continua; Partito comunista italiano (PCI); and Partito socialista italiano di unità proletaria (PSIUP).

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Fliers, 1956–1976. II. Newspapers, 1962–1974.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Fliers, 1956–1976

1.8 linear feet (3 boxes)

This series contains fliers and handbills created by the Pirelli Comitato unitario di base (CUB) and other trade unions and organizations active in Milan, such as CGIL, CISL, UIL, Lotta continua, PCI, and PSIUP. Other groups represented include unaffiliated groups of workers, works councils, trade union representatives, and workers involved in a trial against Pirelli.

Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

b. 1, f. 1	Assemblea operai uniti Pirelli e Assemblea operaia unitaria	1971–1972
b. 1, f. 2	Centro di cultura operaia	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Centro operaio	[1974?]
b. 1, f. 4-8	CGIL-CISL-UIL [Federazione unitaria]	1968–1974
b. 3, f. 48	CGIL-CISL-UIL [Federazione unitaria]	1969
b. 1, f. 9	Commissione diritti e libertà	1970
b. 1, f. 10	Commissione interna aziendale	1969–1971
b. 1, f. 11	Comitati di reparto	1970
b. 1, f. 12-13	Comitato unitario di base (CUB)	1968–1973
b. 3, f. 49	Comitato unitario di base (CUB)	1968–1971
b. 1, f. 14	Comitato unitario internazionale Pirelli-Dunlop	1972
b. 1, f. 15	Comitato unitario permanente antifascista	undated
b. 1, f. 16-18	Confederazione generale italiana del lavoro (CGIL)	1967–1973
b. 3, f. 50	Confederazione generale italiana del lavoro (CGIL)	1970
b. 1, f. 19-20	Confederazione italiana sindacati lavoratori (CISL)	1964–1973
b. 1, f. 21	Consiglio di fabbrica (CDF)	1971–1974
b. 1, f. 22	Consiglio di fabbrica CGIL-CSIL-UIL	1972–1974
b. 1, f. 23-24	Contratto collettivo nazionale del lavoro, Pirelli	1956–1974
b. 1, f. 25	Corrente sindacale socialista della CGIL	1967
b. 1, f. 26-27	Direzione studi economici e programmazione, Industrie Pirelli	1971–1973
b. 1, f. 28	Dirigenti (rappresentanze sindacali)	1975–1976
b. 2, f. 29	Federazione italiana lavoratori chimici e affini (FILCEA-CGIL), SILG [Sindacato italiano lavoratori della gomma]	1970

b. 2, f. 30	Federazione italiana lavoratori chimici e petrolieri (FILCEP-CGIL), SILG [Sindacato italiano lavoratori della gomma]	1968
b. 2, f. 31	Federazione unitaria lavoratori chimici (FULC)	1973-1974
b. 2, f. 32	Gruppo di lavoratori (richiesta di essere dispensati dagli scioperi)	undated
b. 2, f. 33	Gruppo di lavoratori della Pirelli	undated
b. 2, f. 34	Gruppo di operai della Pirelli	1971
b. 2, f. 35	Gruppo di studio operai impiegati, SIT-Siemens	undated
b. 2, f. 36	Gruppo lavoratori-studenti della Pirelli	1969
b. 2, f. 37	Lotta continua	1970
b. 2, f. 38	Movimento studentesco	1968-1973
b. 2, f. 39	Noi giovani (Federchimici-CISL)	1970
b. 2, f. 40	Operai che hanno processato Pirelli	1971
b. 2, f. 41	Partito comunista italiano (PCI)	1968-1974
b. 2, f. 42	Partito comunista (marxista-leninista) italiano	1973
b. 2, f. 43	Partito socialista italiano di unità proletaria (PSIUP)	1973
b. 2, f. 44	Potere operaio-Autonomia operaia	1969-1972
b. 2, f. 45	Unione dei comunisti italiani (marxisti-leninisti)	1970-1971
b. 2, f. 46	Unione italiana del lavoro (UIL)	1969-1971
b. 2, f. 47	Unione sindacati proletari gommai	1968

**Series II: Newspapers, 1962–1974***1.5 linear feet (1 box)*

This series contains newspapers produced for workers in Milan by trade unions and organizations such as CISL, PCI, and PSIUP.

Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

b. 4, f. 51	<i>Il battistrada</i> . Supplemento a <i>Milano sindacale</i> a cura della SAS CISL	1967–1969
b. 4, f. 52	<i>La Bicocca</i> . Periodico sindacale dei lavoratori della gomma	1962–1971
b. 4, f. 53	<i>La fabbrica</i> . Periodico di attualità a cura della sezione del PCI Libero Temolo (Pirelli)	1967–1974
b. 4, f. 54	<i>Il lavoratore metallurgico</i> . Periodico dei metallurgici milanesi	1972
b. 4, f. 55	<i>Lotta unita</i> . Periodico unitario lavoratori chimici ed affini di Milano	1971–1974
b. 4, f. 56	<i>Milano oggi</i>	1970
b. 4, f. 57	<i>Milano sindacale</i>	1969
b. 4, f. 58	<i>Mondo nuovo</i> . Settimanale del Partito socialista italiano di unità proletaria	1969, 1972
b. 4, f. 59	<i>Noi giovani</i> . Foglio curato e realizzato dal gruppo giovani della Federchimici-CISL- Pirelli Bicocca	1969–1970

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Labor disputes -- Italy  
Labor movement -- Italy  
Labor unions -- Italy -- Periodicals  
Protest movements -- Italy -- History -- 20th  
Century  
Strikes and lockouts -- Automobile industry --  
Italy  
Works councils -- Italy

### **Genres / Formats**

Fliers (printed matter)  
Handbills  
Newspapers

### **Geographic Names**

Milan (Italy) -- History -- 1945-

### **Corporate Bodies**

Confederazione generale italiana del lavoro  
Confederazione italiana sindacati lavoratori  
Federazione unitaria CGIL-CISL-UIL  
Lotta continua (Association)  
Partito comunista italiano  
Partito socialista italiano di unità proletaria  
Pirelli, società per azioni  
Unione italiana del lavoro