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IMS, the protest continues ... with pasta, beans and solidarity

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The protest is going on ... with **pasta, beans and solidarity**. The IMS employees have obtained a part of what they wanted, **like their salaries for September**, and for about half of the employees to go back to work for a fixed period of time. **But this is not enough**. The protest outside the company, in the marquee provided by the Italian Alpine corps, is going on **day and night**, with great attention **from the community of Caronno Pertusella**. On Sunday afternoon, a lunch of pasta and beans was **prepared, by a 96-year-old lady and her 76-year-old daughter**, for about forty people, workers and family members. The two ladies prepared the lunch for all present, providing them with a moment to celebrate during this action by the workers.

However, the two ladies **are not the only people to show their support of the employees' protests**. The workers themselves have talked about, and have publicly thanked those who are supporting them, **like Santina**, who, on Saturday evening, brought the shopping, and who often cooks **large dishes of baked pasta** for those on the night shift (because there is always someone there, even at night-time).

Then, in the morning, **La Rosa Bar in Caronno Petrusella** brings the workers cappuccinos and croissants. Over the past few days, thanks have also gone to the support shown **by the workers at the nearby Riva steel factory**, who collected about €300 for shopping.

Now, although about **60 workers have gone back to work temporarily**, hopes are high. After the open council meeting last Thursday, where the town councillors undertook to act as intermediary between the Province and Region, attention focused on **the meeting between the unions and the company, which is scheduled for 4 November**. During this meeting, the name might emerge of a company that is interested in taking over some part of IMS, which will **reduce the number of the employees who will soon be without a salary**. As the unions have explained, a good relocation policy is needed for the other employees.

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