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One unusual tactic, associated with the prominent nonviolent activist Danilo Dolci, is the 'reverse strike'. Thus tactic was used in Sicily as part of a series of campaigns between 1952 and 1965 to relieve the extreme local poverty. When unemployed men started to repair a road outside Partinico in 1956, appealing to their constitutional right and duty to work, the police sent them home, and banned a second attempt to repair the road, arresting Dolci and six others. Gene Sharp records in *The Politics of Nonviolent Action*, Part Two under 'Reverse Strike' that the Congress of Racial Equality used a similar tactic in Chicago, mobilizing unemployed young men to engage in slum clearance, and leaving a bill for the work at City Hall.

Dolci, Danilo, [The Outlaws of Partinico](#) [1], London, MacGibbon and Kee, 1960, pp. 316

Describes context of his campaigns – not much detail on the campaigns themselves.

McNeish, James, [Fire Under the Ashes: The Life of Danilo Dolci](#) [2], London, Hodder and Stoughton, 1965, pp. 256

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