

Voice of a Japanese medical worker

Fight against mass unemployment! Stop all nuke plants! For the creation of a new society to live together in unity!

May 9, 2011

Two months have passed since the March 11 huge quake and nuclear disaster, and bankruptcy of neo-liberal agenda has been fully exposed day by day.

Nearly ten thousand people are still missing and over hundred thousand evacuees are living in the unsafe shelters. For the tsunami-stricken elder people, it is too hard to survive the terrible shock and a large number of them are losing their lives. This is the result of the outsourcing and privatizing of municipalities and public hospitals, which was followed by a forcible drastic reduction of necessary personnel.

Under the pretext of the huge quake, a tremendous number of workers are getting fired not only in the affected areas but everywhere in Japan. While the government propagates “reconstruction”, all workers are put under threat of mass firing.

The governmental plan for “reconstruction” demands as financial source merciless transfer of all burdens upon the shoulders of working class: tax hike, wage cut, reduction of health insurance. “Cheer up Japan!”--an official slogan means nothing but mobilization of working people in a drive to accept all sacrifices as “necessary measures in national emergency of the huge quake”.

Where has the gigantic amount of 120 trillion Yen that the Bank of Japan pumped into money markets immediately after the earthquake? Neo-liberal agenda has been so far developed into a policy of demanding overall sacrifice of the whole society for the survival of the big capital.



A long queue of people in front of the Public Employment Agency in Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture, from early morning

It is not the whole story. We are faced with terrible nuclear disaster! What happened in Fukushima can be described as the “Third Atomic Bombing” without heat wave and blast as in the case in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The true nature of the “Atom for Peace” is disclosed. Nuclear energy has developed as a powerful weapon of massacre. It is nothing to do with peace. Artificial attempt of nuclear fission should not be allowed for any reason. Nuclear radiation as the result of nuclear fission is beyond human control. Human beings and nukes are incompatible.

Nobody knows when and how radioactive contamination will be brought under control. The government has raised the “permissible doses” of radiation for nuclear plant workers as well as for ordinary inhabitants in quite an arbitrary way. After causing a terrible accident, the agency concerned eased the “permissible doses”! It is nothing but a murder.

What the administration is doing is to arrest workers and students who demonstrated to

oppose nuclear plants, and to impose censorship of Internet to suppress the voices against nuclear plants. We denounce the idea of putting nuke above human life!

Nuclear plants are run by workers who are constantly exposed to radiation. Labor union leadership of the electric companies has knowingly waged a huge fraudulent propaganda campaign to justify construction of nuclear plants in close co-operation with the companies: “safe and clean nuclear power”.

When labor unions carry out struggle not to allow exposure of workers and to secure the safety in workplaces, nuclear plants will not be able to operate a single day. Through our experience of Hiroshima and Nagasaki we once resolved no to allow fresh victims of nuke. All nuclear plants that are reproducing victims of exposure day by day should be stopped immediately. Now labor unions need to fulfill

their task.

Genuine reconstruction means essentially to make everybody on earth live in peace and relief as should be. The true way to reconstruction is to refuse enforcement of “national mobilization for reconstruction” and to confront and overcome neo-liberal agenda. Labor unions have come into focus. We fight for a true reconstruction standing up in our own workplaces.

We call on sisters and brothers, workers of the whole world to join our struggle!
Stop all nuclear plants immediately!
Abolish all nuclear weapons and nuclear plants on the globe!
Crush neo-liberal offensives!
Strengthen solidarity of working class to overcome corrupt labor union!
Let’s create a new society for all to live their own life, free from capitalist profit!

Two newspaper articles reveal lie of “Atoms for Peace” propaganda

May 10

International Labor Solidarity Committee of Doro-Chiba

Doro-Chiba International Labor Solidarity Committee Two newspaper articles on May 9 (both on the Mainichi) publicly exposed once again that nuclear plants are inseparable from nuclear weapon and nuclear war, or rather, they have been constructed for the purpose of producing nuclear weapons and preparing for nuclear war.

The first article, titled, “Japan and US, negotiating construction of nuclear waste facility in Mongolia”, disclosed the intention of the two governments to build huge disposal facilities for spent nuclear fuel in the Mongolian Republic, which is assumed to have more than 1.5 million tons of uranium ore deposits. Their aim is: monopolizing possession of uranium resource, establishment of monopoly of plutonium through construction of gigantic reprocessing facilities (for the production of nuclear weapon) and finally to burden people of the Mongolian Republic with disposal of nuclear waste, that is an immortal negative heritage of



Abandoned quarters built by the former Soviet Army stand in the Mongolian village of Bayantal, the most likely site for the construction of a nuclear power plant. (Mainichi)

imperialism.

The second article is a report on a “debate” on “Operation Tomodachi” of Japan and US military forces, or rather a dialogue between Kent Calder (Director of the Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asia Studies, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies) and Yamaguchi Noboru (Professor, National Defense Academy of Japan /

Lieutenant General, JGSDF (Ret.) / Participative Cabinet Secretary). Both of them spoke quite bluntly over the significance of the Japan-US joint operation, which took place in March, taking opportunity of the huge quake.

Calder: “US and Japan have shared no experience of cooperation in a war till today, different from the case with US-UK and US-South Korea alliances. ... It was, therefore, quite significant that the two nations have enhanced solidarity in emergency”.

Yamaguchi: “We successfully concentrated 100,600 strong Self-Defense Forces on the spot of disaster due to many bases and camps located in Tohoku and its surrounding regions. It has proved the necessity of these installations for the defense of Japan. Beside, the US Marine Corps dispatched abroad for the first time the secret treasure troops, namely the

special combat teams against radioactive contamination and against biochemical attack. It conveyed us the seriousness of US administration”.

We must once again confirm the fact that nuclear plants constitute a first process of nuclear weapon production and therefore are means of war. The demagogical declaration of Barak Obama of “a world without nuclear weapons” must be disclosed and denounced in front of public.

It is urgent to overthrow the recent history, in which nuclear plants have been admitted under the name of “Atom for Peace” and the sacrifice offered by a huge number of nuke workers who are exposed to radioactivity has been concealed. Let’s open up a brilliant future for workers and people to live their own life.

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