

## **Nuclear power plants have brought us a horrible disaster.**

### **Change the whole society!**

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Four months have passed since the outbreak of March 11 earthquake and subsequent nuclear accident. But some five thousand people are still missing and hundred thousand evacuees have no place to settle.

Extremely high-level radioactivity prevents access to the site of nuclear accident, making it impossible to search the missing persons or to bury the deceased. Contaminated debris and rubbles are left there untouched for four months. There seems to be no administrative policy at all. The actual situation of the affected areas is far from "reconstruction". The reality is a horrible heap of debris. If the disaster were only the result of earthquake, reconstruction work would have been carried on sooner and more easily.

Radioactive contamination is spreading far beyond the quake-stricken regions to other part of Japan, affecting cows, fishes, vegetables, tea leaves as well as mud of wastewater treatment plants, ashes of refuse incinerator and so on.

A dairy farmer committed suicide, leaving a brief message on the wall of the barn, "If there had been no nuclear plant ...". He is only one of those farmers who killed themselves in despair for future since March 11<sup>th</sup>. The nuclear plant accident and its horrible aftermath have deprived a large number of people in the affected areas of the way of their life and of their lives themselves.

### **How and why nuclear plant construction has been promoted**

Nuclear plant accident causes by nature, once it erupts, limitless damage and disaster. Not without this common knowledge, how and why was it possible to build 54 nuclear plants in Japan, a quake-prone country, and a bombed

country with a traumatic experience of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and, therefore, major advocator of anti-A bomb movement?

In 1954, Japanese society was being shaken by boiling anger at atomic and hydrogen bombs, triggered by the contamination of a fishing boat "Daigo Fukuryu-maru" which was struck by US hydrogen bomb experiment in the Bikini atoll on the South Pacific Sea. To cope with this situation, the ruling class worked out a deceitful and outrageous policy of "atom for peace" in an attempt "to meet evil with evil". The principal players were NAKASONE Yasuhiro, notorious promoter of JNR privatization, CIA of US and SHORIKI Matsutaro, president of the Yomiuri, major and popular daily paper. A systematic propaganda was organized by mass media to persuade Japanese public opinion into a myth of controllable and useful nuclear power that would bring a significant benefit to human being.

### **"After me the deluge"**

The demagogic myth of controllable nuclear power was proved to be a complete lie by a series of nuclear plant accidents: Three Mile in US in 1979, Chernobyl in the former USSR in 1986 and Sellafield nuclear fuel reprocessing plant accident in UK early in 1957. All of these accidents caused serious radioactive contamination in a large scale and brought about numerous death and disease by exposure. Moreover, nuclear waste needs to be conserved for hundreds of years, which demands huge amount of cost, time and human energy. But no technology has been developed yet how to handle the matter of radioactive materials. Nobody knows exactly what nuclear waste buried into the earth or dropped into the sea

will become. In a word, “After me the deluge”. It is an exact expression of what those promoters of nuclear policy really are. These irresponsible people have been shamelessly insisting on “the protection of global environment” to push forward construction of nuclear plants.

### **Real intention is independent nuclear armament; electric power is its byproduct**

The primary driving force of the policy of nuclear development is an obsessive desire of Japanese ruling class for independent nuclear armament. Plutonium produced by nuclear power plant provides indispensable material for atomic bomb. Possession of Plutonium guarantees Japan to be a nuclear-armed state. Their fundamental aim is to appear on the stage of world politics with nuclear force and secure profit in the world market. Electric power production is only a subsequent effect and serves as deceitful rhetoric to conceal their real dangerous intention. No consideration has been made over the spread of radioactive contamination caused by possible nuclear plant accident. No attention has been paid on maintaining security and safety. The daily life of workers is completely out of their interest. The reality forced upon people in Fukushima is a result of their outrageous behavior for a long period.

### **Chernobyl, 25 years after**

Kan administration recently referred to the perspective of settling the nuclear plant

accident and was obliged to admit that it would require decades of years to take out molten fuel rods from the wrecked nuclear container and to complete decommissioning of nuclear plant.

In Chernobyl, 25 years after the accident, former inhabitants who had been forced to evacuate quite unprepared are still not permitted to go back to their home village and entry is forbidden into the areas 30 km from the accident site. A large amount of bulldozers, helicopters, machine tools, etc, which had been used to deal with the accident, have been abandoned and lay there as they were 25 years ago because of heavy contamination, which prevent any kind of access. Stone coffins are covering nuclear plant facilities, which have become old and rotten. Radioactive materials are still diffusing into the air and soil. It is now urgent to repair the stone coffin and to stop radioactive diffusion.

### **Change the society**

The main feature of the nuclear policy is identical with that of neo-liberalism: absolute priority on the pursuit of profit in total negligence of other serious issues. The whole society is based on the principle of competition that demands concentration on the effort to increase gain or profit at the sacrifice of security measures, public consideration, welfare agenda and others in the name of reducing cost. Such a society must be overthrown. Labor union has a power to realize this by unity and should now to fight at the forefront of the struggle of a large number of people to abolish nuclear plant.

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