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Doro-Mito Strikes



protest action in front of Daigo Transport Facility, July 30

Defend workers and communities from exposure to radioactive dust

The JR East Company decided to force workers to decontaminate radiators of diesel locomotives in the Hitachi-Daigo Yard from July 30 on. The trains brought to the Yard had run through areas contaminated by radioactive fallout and their radiators have full of radioactive dust.

In fact, the managing staff used special anti-dust

Stop forcing young workers into radiation-exposed labor!

Doro-Mito has demanded to stop the plan to clean up the radiators because it is very dangerous especially younger workers to be involved decontaminating operation dealing with radioactive materials. However, the company clings the cleaning plan: "There's no problem. Radiation level is lower than the government's standard."

On top of it, the JR managers keep saying: "The radiation level in Fukushima is much higher than your workplaces." They openly recognize the extremely high level of radiation in Fukushima. Nevertheless, masks, goggles and rain courts only to test wash one of the radiators, despite company's assertion of "safety."



Radiator of a diesel locomotive used in Suigun Line

they cynically refuse to take even some mitigating measure for people in Fukushima, but expose JR workers to the same amount of radiation.

Life-threatening inspection & repair outsourcing: JR evades all safety requirements

The JR East Company decided to outsource inspection & repair work and other yard operation from October 1 on. It is a wholesale shifting of responsibility for safety of JR workers, communities and passengers to subcontractors. Safety from rail accidents and

radiation exposure would be neglected.

Furthermore, the company published overall outsourcing in every section.

Abolish irregular job system! Abolish all nuclear power plants!

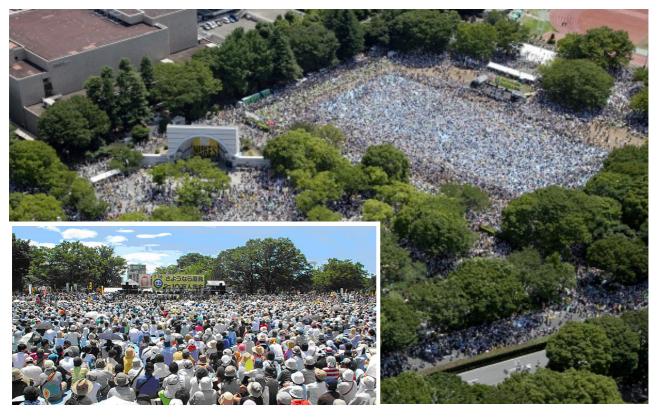
The Division & Privatization of Japan National Railways in 1987 and subsequent outsourcing of many jobs in privatized JR Companies paved the way to overall cazualization; about 40 % of workers in Japan have now irregular jobs. Particularly, almost all of

workers on the sites of nuclear power plants are irregularly employed.

Doro-Mito's struggle against radiation-exposed work, outsourcing and irregular job system will change

Anti-Nuke Rallies comparable only with the post-WWII class struggle

July 16 170,000 gathered in Yoyogi Park





On July 17, the Good By NPP 100,000 People Rally gathered 170,000 people far more surpassing everyone's expectations. Labor unions were the main force that organized mobilization efforts.

huge The crowd participants had to hold separate rallies in several sections of Yoyogi Park. At the podium of the main section, one of the initial endorser and famous writer, Kenzaburo Oe expressed his anger, "We brought over and half million signatures to the Prime Ministers Office; the PM's

answer for them was restart of Oi Nuclear Power Plant. This is the most blatant insult. We must crush the government's scheme. We can do it." Mr Tetsuen Nakajima from western Fukui Prefecture where Oi NPP is located and Ms Ruiko Muto from Fukushima also spoke at the main section.

At 1:30 PM, when the rallies were still ongoing, demonstrations on three separate courses had to start.

The contingent from Fukushima, including Fukushima Women Against Nuclear Power, with their "Fukushima Anger" flags led demonstrators on the Harajuku course. Nazen, (National Conference to Abolish All Nuclear Plants Now) also took the Harajuku course.

Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnwS6L73Lsg&list=UU-hw2jpxi9MgDRRv7oVSqnA&index=8

Recent massive protest actions—surrounding of PM's Office by hundreds of thousands people every week and the huge July 16 rally—shows a beginning of

Workers and people in Japan have deep anger toward the Prime Minister Noda and corrupt leaders of the national trade union center, *Rengo*, who promote nuclear power, consumer tax hike, privatization and cazualization of jobs.

Let's rebuild class struggle labor movement together and win our victory!

People surround the Prime Minister's Office and the Parliament Building



Protest actions held every Friday in front of the Prime Minister's Office are rapidly growing since July. On Sunday July 29, 200,000 people surrounded the Parliament Building.

Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Qd3HZHXDx3A

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Nazen contingent in Hibiya Park before the march to the Parliament, July 29



For the first time since March 11. people's power decisively broke down the wall of silence, forcing the second largest Japanese newspaper in terms of circulation to makes a front page headline of anti-nuclear action.