

We denounce Abe administration and Osaka Mayor Hashimoto for their attempt of justifying Japanese imperialist war of aggression and the war-time system of “comfort women”.

Stop the plan of Abe and Hashimoto to force reactionary revision of the Constitution and war drive!

Let’s raise angry voice of working class and crush Abe administration!

Stop Japanese export of nuclear plant to pave the way to war!

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Abe administration is giving impetus to the far-right political trend and driving a desperate move to reactionary constitutional revision and war of aggression.

Recently in the debate in the Diet, Prime Minister ABE Shinzo declared in regard to the past Japanese war of aggression on Asian countries and colonial domination “it might not be defined as invasion or aggression”. To back this outrageous statement of Abe, Osaka Mayor HASHIMOTO Toru made a shameless speech to the press: “The war-time system of comfort women was necessary to maintain discipline in the Japanese army, which was engaged in warfare”. Soon after that he recommended US commander in Japan to make use of “adult entertainment facilities” for US soldiers staying in Okinawa. These remarks are not simply the matters concerning the past war of aggression and its justification. It discloses the actual intention of Japanese imperialism to pave the way for a fresh war under the circumstances of intensified military confrontation against China and North Korea under the “New Military Strategy” of US president Obama.

Whatever Abe and his ultra-right followers propagate, it is an undeniable historical fact that Japan invaded in Asian countries through the past imperialist war of aggression. All through the process of war, Japanese army exploited, plundered, suppressed, humiliated and slaughtered Korean, Chinese and other Asian people with all possible cruelty, while mobilizing Japanese working people into the bloody war of aggression. We Japanese working class, including people in Okinawa, together with all the people of the entire world, shall never pardon Abe and Hashimoto for uttering such outrageous words and behaving in a shameless way.

Confronted with the global economic crisis and threatened to death as imperialism, Japanese bourgeoisie represented by Abe administration is pouring a huge amount of fiscal money for the bankrupt state budget and driving Japanese finance and economy into a catastrophe by a desperate policy, named absurdly “Abenomics”. In a frantic effort for survival, Japanese ruling class has been developing a policy of nuclear power plant export to Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and very recently closed a deal with Turkish government over nuclear power plant construction. While the catastrophic result of Fukushima Nuclear plant accident has not at all settled, Abe administration is intent to make people of these countries suffer from distress as Fukushima people is now experiencing for the dirty interests of the Nuclear Mafia.

The strategy of Abe administration is to carry out so-called “package export”, which means a wholesale delivery of all the related know-how and facilities for nuclear plant construction. It is planned to export not only technical know-how but also the way of controlling nuclear plant workers, most of which are of irregular employment, of suppressing labor and anti-nuke movement, and of exposing those workers to nuclear contamination and throwing them onto the street. At the same time, it is intended to widen Japanese strategic influence over those developing countries which are eager to establish solid bases for nuclear armament. It inevitably accelerates war drives everywhere. We Japanese workers must not overlook these attempts of Japanese ruling class.

Osaka Mayor Hashimoto is a glib enemy of Japanese working class in that he is developing the policy of overall privatization of Osaka public service, casualization of public service workers and union busting. He is thus spearheading Abe’s agenda of attacking public service workers through massive wage cut of 7.8%.

These politicians like Abe and Hashimoto are intent not only to destroy the whole life of working class and sacrificing people of Fukushima and Okinawa but also to dismantle the whole social structure established after World War II and to drive world into a fresh war. It is the deepest motivation that lies at the bottom of the recent justification of the past Japanese war of aggression in Asia and attempt of reactionary constitutional revision of Abe administration.

The most effective and fundamental power is offered by the following; One is appearance of class struggle labor movement that squarely confronts neoliberal offensives of Abe administration, represented by constitutional revision and war drive, and the other is promoting of international solidarity of working class of the whole world against sever exploitation and war drive of neoliberalism.

Outrageous offensive of Abe administration is flaring up indignation of working class all over Japan. Yong workers and students are rising up for a fresh struggle with firm unity and fighting spirit. We are determined to organize these new and enormous waves into the June 9th Rally of Nationwide Campaign of National Railway Struggle to crush Abe administration.

Let’s march forward for the progress of class struggle labor movement and strengthening international labor solidarity against all forces of war drive and overthrow capitalist rule definitively.