

International Solidarity of Working Class Against War—Poverty and Privatization! **An Appeal for June 29 National Workers Rally To Crush the July G8 Summit in Toyako**

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World imperialism is now in death agony. The ruling class in a crisis is turning on a desperate offensive: a violent drive for world war and enforcement of the neo-liberal policy—privatization, unemployment, poverty and starvation—upon all the working people.

Faced with this offensive, working class and vast layers of people worldwide have launched a fight-back movement, which is spreading like a wild fire. We are now entering into a decisive stage of “revolutionary situation”.

On May Day, an epoch-making struggle was carried out: brothers and sisters of International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), the workers of the belligerent country of the Iraq war, and of General Union of Port Workers in Iraq (GUPWI), are united in issuing solidarity messages and shut down ports, preventing transportation of US war materials from the US and of oil from Iraq, respectively. All 29 ports on the West Coast in the US and the ports of Umm Qasr and Khor Al-Zubair, the largest ports in Iraq, were shut down by striking workers. It was the greatest May Day struggle ever since the May 1 in Chicago in 1886, when 350 thousand workers rose up for a general strike. Eight hour day was won by this historical struggle. It was an achievement of the US working class with ILWU, our fighting comrades in the annual November rally, at its head.

Brothers and sisters of KCTU (Korean Confederation of Trade Unions), too, are going to wage a general strike in June and July. In New Delhi, the Indian capital, a general strike was fought on April 24 and 25. In Britain, 400 thousand public service workers recently carried out strike. French workers and high school students are rising up for struggle. The port of Marseille was shut down by striking workers. In Germany, post workers, transport workers in Berlin, nursery workers, education workers and municipal workers are organizing strike. Also in Sweden, 100 thousand hospital and social welfare workers went on strike. Food riots are reported in the countries in Central and South America, Asia, Africa and Middle East.

In solidarity with these fighting workers worldwide, we of Doro-Chiba waged strike for spring labor offensive.

All-out confrontation is developing in workplaces with young workers at its head against capital as well as against the misleaders of Rengo (Japanese Trade Union Confederation). The struggle was culminated in March 16 rallies in 17 cities all over Japan as a part of coordinated international struggle against war on Iraq. State repression as shown by the arrest of six demonstrators in Tokyo arose anger of workers everywhere and helped develop unity in workplaces and communities. The serious desire and hope of fighting young workers and students nation wide is “to forge and expand unity”.

Against this background of general uprising of working class of the whole world, G8 Summit (of political leaders of 8 countries, including US, UK, Germany, France and Japan) is going to be held by the Lake Toya in Hokkaido from July 7 to 9. Anger of revolting workers worldwide will bitterly hit the G8 Summit.

The aim and agenda of the G8 Summit are no doubt to discuss over how to find a way out of deepening crisis, through demanding sacrifice of workers. It will inevitably result in intensifying competition among imperialist powers and rushing for world war, and in practicing neo-liberal policy more vigorously to destroy labor unions. Thus the G8 Summit is nothing but a conference of robbers.

How can we admit this conference to be held before our eyes, to discuss over war on Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan and even over a world war? Especially US and Japanese imperialists are planning a fresh war of aggression on North Korea, China and other east Asian countries, taking opportunity of the critical situation of the ruling class of these countries.

Another agenda of the G8 Summit is to escalate the execution of the neo-liberalism in a desperate way, provoking competition and disruption among workers and bringing unemployment, poverty and starvation. We shall never allow this.

Let's organize a general revolt from workplaces to crush G8 Summit! In response to the explosive development of workers' struggle all over the world, rise up for an uncompromising confrontation against capital in every workplace. Grasp the power in workplaces and stand up for strike. Let the whole world know how powerful class unity of working class and international labor unity and solidarity are! Only expansion of workers' unity brings us victory. It is imperative for four essential industrial branches of labor movement, namely, workers of national railway, post, education and public service labor unions, to take a lead in this struggle.

Let's fight the second counter-offensive of national railway workers and break down the system of the privatized Japan Railway Companies! Stand up for a struggle to cancel the unjust dismissal of 1047 national railway workers and for rail safety against rationalization! Organize for a larger and stronger union!

Fight categorically against privatization of postal service and refuse overtime.

Let's fight against enforcement of Hinomaru and Kimigayo (national flag and anthem) in school ceremonies and refuse to stand up to show obeisance. Stop disciplinary measures against sisters Nezu and Kawarai, disobedient education workers and withdraw dismissal of sister Yoneyama, another dissident teacher in Tokyo.

Oppose overall privatization of municipal bodies. Let's launch struggles in workplaces to stop introduction of personnel evaluation system in public services.

Let's join all the power of these workplace struggles for a successful June 29 National Workers Rally! Rise up for a massive demonstration to shake up Tokyo! We call upon fighting students for a general strike of students at the head of the nation-wide struggle.

We ask you all, fighting brothers and sisters of militant labor unions and workers, and other independent organizations to endorse the June 29 National Workers Rally. Join us!