

Topple down the Abe government!

Denounce the forced passage of the secrecy law through the Upper House!

Now is the time to build an anti-fascist battle front!



Militant students holding up placards 'NO FASCISM' for a militant upsurge of the mass rally (Dec. 6th, Hibiya Park in Tokyo)

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‘Stop the enactment of a secrecy law!’ ‘Down with the Abe government!’——Shortly before midnight on Dec. 6th, when the government and its party, LDP, were about to force the vote at the Upper House, the Parliament building was enveloped by tens of thousands of people with indignation. Faced and trembled with such a tremendous struggle, the Abe government mobilized the riot police to crush the struggle of workers, students and people and made a frantic dash to force the vote. The government then forced the passage of the bill on the strength of their numerical superiority in the parliament.

Workers and students all over the country! Denounce this outrageous act of the neo-fascist government! The Abe government, together with the US government, has already started war preparation against China. For this very reason, it forced the passage of the secrecy bill, which is exactly a war-targeting legislation, or the legislation for restraining public objection. Workers and students! Arise to repeal this ultra-reactionary law!

The fierce fight of workers, people and students shakes the Abe government

The government enacted the secrecy law only 43 days after the presentation of the bill. The bill was designed to oppress objections against the government in the name of ‘protecting state secrets’.

As soon as the government started to manoeuvre the enactment, militant workers and students led by the JRCL rose and went into an action, making clear that the secrecy law was paired with the so-called Japanese NSC [National Security Council] law and hence was a public restraining legislation aimed at strengthening the Japanese state as a militarily big power. In both workers’ and students’ fronts, the struggle was launched.

Supported by their night-and-day struggles, the protest rapidly spread out among workers’ and students’ mass organizations. They actively headed the protest in front of the Parliament building days and nights despite police

repression, especially from Dec. 2nd. The struggle developed into a nation-wide protest. Encouraged by the mass protest, many of scholars, journalists, artists, religious persons, actors and actresses, together with film directors, also released statements successively, demanding the withdrawal of the bill. The burning struggle was spreading wide with enthusiasm.

On Dec. 6th, more than 16 thousand workers, people and students converged at Hibiya Park, a public park close to the Parliament building in central Tokyo (See photos in the article). The park, both the inside and outside, was full to bursting. Flags and placards of trade unions, students' organisations and residents' groups were seen everywhere.

Filled with indignation against the government, which was about to force the vote, everyone raised slogans in chorus here and there. In the rally, the statement prepared by the executive committee was vigorously read aloud. 'We do not wait for the next election. If we wait then, it will be too late. Now is the time for us to arise, aiming at the overthrow of the Abe government.' 'In order to win the repeal of the secrecy law and the overthrow of the government, we start the fight from the rally here, right now!' Here expressed is a keen sympathy of workers and people for the JRCL's call 'Down with the Abe government!', as well as a worm support for the Zengakuren students, who have been fighting in the forefront of the struggle.

Revolutionary and militant workers have been struggling in their trade unions to realise joint actions of unions against the bill by breaking through the strict control of the Rengo leadership, which was counting on the government's 'careful consideration', or by organizing a rank-and-file members' pressure on JCP-led unions' leadership.

By accumulating the persistent efforts to realise united actions on the basis of the principle of 'unity in action and freedom in criticism', we have laid a concrete foundation for establishing a working class-led, anti-fascism united front.

Many workers and students who had joined the struggle against the nuclear plants since the destructive earthquake and the nuclear disaster rallied today in the struggle to stop the enactment of the secrecy law, under the slogan 'Oppose a secrecy law, and never let the government cover up information connected with nuclear plants!' This one instance shows the fruit of our struggle to overcome the JCP-imposed framework of 'single-issue politics' for 'alternative energy'. Amid the struggle against the nuclear development, we kept raising antiwar slogans 'No to the revision of the 'war-renouncing' Japanese Constitution!' 'Stop the deployment of Ospreys in US bases in Okinawa!', while making clear that the government's scheme to re-open the nuclear plants was tightly linked with its scheme to strengthen the Japanese state as a militarily strong power.

The struggle against the enactment of the secrecy law, which peaked at the Dec. 6h Rally (and is still going on for its abolition), will definitely be a breakthrough in the class struggle of Japan, because of its scale and quality. The JRCL and revolutionary, militant workers and students, overcoming the distorted campaign led by the JCP leadership, have led the struggle for smashing outrageous acts of the Abe government, which schemes to revive 'Japan as a militaristic nation'.

Amid the struggle, JCP's rank-and-file workers and activists started to join the chorus of the slogans, 'No to the war legislation!' 'Don't let the government suppress the people's protest!', as influenced by us, the revolutionary



'Stop the forceful passage of the bill!', Zengakuren students and union workers chant the slogan in front of the Parliament building (Dec. 6th)



'Stop the vote!', Zengakuren fighting in the forefront, facing the riot police (Dec.6th, Shortly before the midnight)

left who were promoting the struggle against the two reactionary laws (a secrecy law and a Japanese NSC law) under the banner 'Oppose the government's scheme to make Japan be a military power! Fight against the strengthening of the new US-Japan military alliance! Stop the reactionary offensives strengthening the neo-fascist ruling system!' The JCP leadership, whose slogan for this struggle had been no more than 'the defence of democracy', was thrown into a flurry by

such a development and suddenly started to emphasize that they were against 'a dark society' and the 'building of a war-waging country'. What they really mean is however that they 'oppose' the two reactionary laws only because these laws are 'not for defence of the nation but for waging a war overseas with the US'. Moreover, the JCP leadership wishes to establish 'a grand coalition government' with 'progressive conservatives'. Precisely, this is the reason why they never raise the slogan of 'No US-Japan military alliance' at the scene of mass movement.

While exposing the fallacy and the criminality of their policy for the struggle against the secrecy law, we have resolutely carried out the struggle. Smashing the police repression, we kept going forward courageously. Our struggle to topple down the Abe government starts from here and now. We are determined to fight it out.

Repeal the secrecy law! Smash the reactionary offensives for strengthening the neo-fascist ruling system!

All the fighting workers and students! Stir up the flame of the struggle more than ever! On the basis of the outcome of the Dec. 6th struggle, go forward towards the overthrow of the Abe government!

Look at this reactionary Abe government, still showing its tough stance towards establishing Japan as 'a military big power'! It is scheming, early next year, to declare that the 'exercise of the right of collective defence' is constitutional, and then to present another bill for national security. The bill will define Japanese people's obligations to the government in war-readiness. The Abe government, together with the Obama administration, is now hell-bent on preparing a war against China.

This is not all. The government decided a plan to re-open nuclear plants (now in suspension) even though the Fukushima No.1 nuclear plant is still in a great danger and its contaminated water is leaking unceasingly and massively. Furthermore, this imperialist government has made a decision to cut the corporate tax and to accelerate the deregulation of dismissal. The aim is to give capitalists a great opportunity for moneymaking on the one hand, and hence to coerce workers into poverty and intensified labour on the other hand. We, fighting in the forefront of the working class and toiling masses, resolutely fight back against this neo-fascist government.

It is true that the Rengo leadership issued a critical statement about the passage of the secrecy law. But in fact it only means begging the government to 'explain more fully so that people's concern can be removed'. The leadership of JCP, on the other hand, emphasizes its pose of fighting on, saying that the secrecy law is 'against the Japanese Constitution and should be repealed'. However, they criticise the government's war policy only because it is for the sending of SDF troops overseas that is 'unnecessary for defending Japan'. In other words, they are now positive about the idea of 'national defence'. Look at them having voted for a parliament resolution to condemn China's air defence zone, hand in hand with conservatives!

In order to justify reactionary measures to make the Japanese state be a militarily strong power, the Abe government is agitating a nationalistic hatred of China. We resolutely fight against such an imperialist warmongering, in solidarity with the working masses in China and other Asian countries. And in the name of Japanese proletariat, we at the same time denounce the Chinese government led by Stalinist bureaucrats who are building up its nuclear military strength against the working-class interests under the pretext of competing against US and Japanese imperialists.

Never let the Rengo or JCP leadership oppress and distort the struggle!

Stir up the flame of antiwar struggle, and of struggle against the new US-Japan military alliance!



'We oppose fascism!' 'Down with the Abe government!' Union workers clenching their fists together with Zengakuren students (Dec. 2nd, in the action to surround the Parliament building)

Fight against the strengthening of the new US-Japan military alliance, and against the build-up of Japan as a militarily strong power!

No to the revision of the Japanese Constitution!

Stop the nuclear development!

No to consumption tax increase!

No to deterioration of labour laws!

By promoting these struggles simultaneously and concerting efforts of workers and toiling masses in a united action, overthrow the neo-fascist Abe government!

Build up a powerful united front of the working-class against fascism!

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