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On March 25 “Prefectural People’s Rally Demanding to Stop Immediately the Illegal Landfilling and to Abandon Constructing the Henoko new base” was held in front of the gate of the U.S. military Camp Schwab at Henoko, Nago City, Okinawa. 3,500 people participated in this Rally and ONAGA Takeshi, Governor of Okinawa joined it for the first time.

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THE WORLD IN TURMOIL and DIRECTION OF OUR STRUGGLES

Build Up a Fort against the Rule of Imperialism

Editorial office of SHAKAI HYORON

The Britain decided to quit the EU last June. In November Donald Trump won the presidential election of the U.S. The two topical incidents in 2016 have an important meaning we cannot overlook to consider the world situation of today and future, and our struggles.

These incidents revealed facts shown below; The EU,

advocating “Peace and Stability, Jobs and Growth” (some critiques misled by the slogan easily praise the EU and expect a creation of an “East Asia Community” after the union), is indeed an imperialistic alliance, which is seeking profits of giant multinational companies and financial groups at the sacrifice of lives of workers and people. The widespread distrust in existing politics is grave in the U.S.

Free trade, liberalism in politics and democracy, such values and principles of the U.S., which has led the capitalists' camp since the end of the War, are being destroyed.

Bourgeois mass media made mistaken forecasts of the outcomes of the two votes. They analyzed them, saying "contrary to most expectations" or "a surprise." They themselves desire the survival of the present capitalistic regimes and tried to lead people to vote for it. Workers and people, who have different feelings from media's desire because their working and living conditions have deteriorated too far under the capitalistic system, clearly defeated media's attempts. Reactions of workers and people showed they know that bourgeois mass media is a ruling class's puppet to maintain capitalism.

Of course, chauvinism and populism may have been reflected in the referendum in the Britain and the presidential election in the U.S. The results cannot be called a triumph of workers' class struggles. However, in the Labour Party leftist Jeremy Corbyn was elected as a leader again by gaining support from labor unions, and Bernie Sanders played an active part of the election campaign, garnering support from young people. We find here the influence of hardships and struggles of workers and people. Mass media intentionally neglected them (or reported them in ways favorably for the ruling class.) In Japan there are no reports about them from the viewpoint of class struggles.

Throughout Europe, right wing parties and groups, which are calling for anti-EU, anti-globalism and anti-immigrants, are gaining power. In South Korea the Diet passed an impeachment bill against President Park Geun Hye in the wake of demonstrations by tens of thousands of Koreans, 2.23 million at large. Philippine President Rodrigo Roa Duterte is not hesitant to criticize the U.S. The strategic

partnership relation between China and Russia is strengthening.

As members of the Trump administration are being revealed one after another, to our surprise we see many persons appointed from the main body of the Republican Party closely standing on neo-conservative ideology and from the Wall Street, which Trump indeed lashed out against in his election campaign as a "core force of the Clinton administration." Not only Trump, who advocates "America First", but also leaders of other capitalist countries are taking a similar stance for interest of their own. The world politics will be thrown into greater turmoil than ever.

How is Japan? As a forerunner of "Trump phenomenon", HASHIMOTO Toru, former Osaka Mayor appeared. Being a member of the Liberal Democratic Party, KOIKE Yuriko won in the Tokyo gubernatorial race as an independent candidate with a slogan "Citizens in Tokyo First." The ABE Shinzo administration, which has persistently tried to change the war-renouncing Constitution for worse, saying "evading from the post-war regime", has kept more than 60 percent approval rate from people.

The national center of labor unions, the Japanese Trade Union Confederation doesn't try to hide their pro-Abe administration stance. "Candidates jointly fielded by some opposition parties" got a limited success in past some elections, but they don't express criticism against the capitalistic system, a mother womb of the Abe administration, nor present the idea of the working class ruling. While the issue of abdication of the Emperor is being discussed, no criticism of the emperor system itself is seen. Candidates are concerned that "Speaking about difficult problems and standing against things people are supporting decrease votes" for them.

The main question of us is how to rebuild the class con-



"We demand to dismantle the Abe cabinet cutting off workers!" ("General Action to oppose disparity and poverty and to make a society where everyone is respected!" was held at Hibiya Open-Air Concert Hall, Tokyo, on February 19, 2017. 4000 people participated in this rally. Photo by Shin-ya)

sciousness of workers. We need to reconstruct worker union's movements and create a vanguard organization of workers.

In Okinawa, anti-U.S. base movements are carried out persistently. We, workers and people living on the main land of Japan, should cultivate our perspective of history, class consciousness and internationalism, by joining hands with Okinawan people's struggles. Let's strengthen international ties with people of Korea, Asia and the world through concrete activities such as exchanging information and advertising ourselves.

On November 25, Fidel Castro, the supreme commander of the Cuban revolution passed away. The article that follows is the definition of his own about revolution, expressed at May Day in 2000. We wish we will go forward along the line comrade Castro was pursuing.

“Revolution is having a sense of the historic moment; it is changing everything that must be changed; it is full equality and freedom; it is being treated and treating others like human beings; it is emancipating ourselves on our own and through our own efforts; it is challenging powerful dominant forces in and beyond the social and national arena; it is defending the values in which we believe at the price of any sacrifice; it is modesty, selflessness, altruism, and heroism; it is fighting with courage, intelligence and realism; it is never lying or violating ethical principles; it is profound conviction that there is no power in the world that can crush the power of truth and ideas. Revolution is unity; it is independence, it is struggling for our dreams of justice for Cuba and for the world, which is the foundation of our patriotism, our socialism, and our internationalism.”

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Osprey crashed, near residential area in Okinawa and badly damaged

Remove all Osprey units and Withdraw the construction of the new base

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A serious accident happened. An MV22 Osprey, vertical takeoff and landing military vehicle belonging to the U.S. Forces Futenma base, crashed and destroyed at a shallow coast, about 80 meters off Abu, Nago City, on the night of November 13, 2016. (The US Forces rescued five crew members, of whom two were injured).

The accident of Osprey's crash wreck in Japan took place for the first time no other place than in Okinawa.

The new type of military transport aircraft taking off and landing vertically Osprey was deployed in Futenma Air Station (Ginowan City, Okinawa Prefecture) in 2012. Currently, 24 aircrafts are operated in Japan. A series of accidents have occurred in its development stage, and in Okinawa the voice opposing long before deployment had spread. On September 9, 2012, 100,000 people gathered at the “Prefectural People's Rally against Osprey Deployment, Stop moving the transferring.” Also, and in January, 2013, hosted by the Okinawan Executive Committee, the “Tokyo Rally Tokyo demanding for Withdrawal of Osprey deployment and Remove the Futenma Air Station outside of Okinawa” was held at the Hibiya Open-Air Concert Hall, Tokyo, followed by the Ginza march. “Petition” was forwarded to Prime Minister Abe. The rally and the parade was led by ONAGA Takeshi, then mayor of Naha City and the current governor of Okinawa, representing the 41 cities and villages.

The danger of Osprey has been pointed out for a number of times. A number of crash accidents have occurred abroad, and accidents such as falling of parts from Osprey in flight are taking place in Japan. The crash and wreck accident at

this time happened to occur as it has to occur. It is clear that the Japan-U.S. Government's compliance relationship which forced Osprey deployment to Okinawa, knowing that the accidents would happen.

The U.S. military explained that the Osprey unit which caused the accident during the refueling was being undertaken in the air at the military training region 30 km off main island of Okinawa. The hose of the refueling was torn, which damaged the propeller of the aircraft and it had to do an “extraordinary landing.” They announced a



Okinawa's local newspaper "Ryukyu Shimpo" reported the crash of Osprey (December 14, 2016)

temporary suspension of the Osprey flights, but emphasized that the Osprey aircraft itself was not the cause of the accident.

The major crash and wreck accident was apparent from the first glance of the photos. However, immediately after the accident, the Japanese and the US governments chorused to hide the accident saying that it was not an accident but an “extraordinary landing” by an uncontrollable situation.

As for the reason why it was made an “extraordinary landing,” the Japanese Ministry of Defense explained that, as the US Forces used the term “landing on water” and it was not thrown strongly against the sea surface as all the five crew members are alive etc. Defense Minister INADA Tomomi excused saying, “As the US Forces information indicates, the aircraft did not lose its control but landed on the sea at the will of the pilot.”

Chief Cabinet Secretary SUGA Yoshihide explained at the morning press interview on November 14 that he was reported that it landed on the sea at the pilot's intention and showed his understanding that he was not a crash. In line with the “understanding”, the major newspapers reported it in the headlines saying “Osprey landed extraordinary.” Lt. Gen. Lawrence D. Nicholson, Marine Forces Japan commander, said in the afternoon of November 14 framed the crash a beautiful story of avoiding to land on the Abu village with 120 residents of about 60 households, it landed on the sea about 800 meters west of the crashing spot as “deliberate” and “heroic,” praising that pilot who “made a decision to not fly over Okinawan homes and families ... and land in the shallow water to protect his crew and people of Okinawa.”

Furthermore, when AGEDA Mitsuo, Okinawa Prefecture's Vice Governor, visited the US military camp Zukeran and read out a protest on the accident, Gen. Nicholson became angry and said, “The Pilot's efforts should be appreciated for preventing damage to houses and residents.” When Ageda said, “Please remove Ospreys. We need neither Ospreys nor drills,” Nicholson pounded the table and asked if the prefectural government was intending to politicize the incident. His arrogance is exactly the behavior of colonialists and occupiers. We should never allow the distortion and concealment of facts by the Japanese and the US governments.

On December 22, a “return” ceremony will be held at the northern training area of Takae, Okinawa subject to the construction of the helipad. Governor Onaga expressed his absence back on November 12. After the accident, Governor Onaga said, “The ceremony cannot be allowed against people's feelings, I want them to think about things based on that kind of things,” and requested for cancellation of the ceremony itself. The chairman of the prefectural assembly will also be absent.

Osprey is scheduled to be deployed all over the country other than Okinawa including Yokota base, and the SDF is also planning its introduction. In order to stop it, it is important to let them remove Ospreys from Okinawa, which is the most dangerous, to close the Futenma Air Station to return, to stop construction of the Takae helipad for Ospreys, to stop construction of the Henoko new air base, and to remove the Marine Corps from Okinawa. Let us tie up with the fields of struggles and stand up together with the people of Okinawa!

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People protesting against resuming landfill for a new U.S. military base at Henoko, Okinawa Prefecture (February 6, 2017, in front of Ministry of Defense. Photo by Shin-ya)

Message to the 20th Congress of KKE

Dear comrades, friends, and all the delegates to the 20th Congress of KKE.

Representing the Activist Group SHISO-UNDO, which has been established since 1969 with Marxism-Leninism as its guidance of movement, I would like to express our mind of solidarity, friendship and gratitude from Japan to the 20th National Congress of KKE, which is being held in the centennial year of the Russian October Socialist Revolution.

With the compulsion of the “memorandum” that the Troika (EU-ECB-IMF), which is the imperialist alliance, and the government of the capitalist class united, we are deeply concerned that unemployment and breakdown of livelihood are heavily burdening on the shoulders of the people of Greece. On a regular basis, we could not help hurting our hearts, following the reports of your Party that have conveyed the constant attacks by the enemy and the struggles against them, which are headed by the working class. It is because the capitalist class attacks that have plunged the people into the pain of suffering are commonly occurring under the rule of imperialism and are also attacking the Japanese people.

Other than destroying the people’s lives and robbing the desires to live, capitalism is losing its way to survive any longer. The desperate struggle of the capitalist class is deployed to overcome the economic and political stalemate of capitalism by riding on the right-wing extremist forces pronouncing chauvinism. Due to plundering of resources which leads the Middle East and North African countries to social and national collapse, and the imperialist wars by their ambition of market domination and expansion, the innocent people are losing their lives and become refugees and rush to the European countries. It is no exaggeration to say that the survival of mankind is upon the struggles by the workers and the people of the world that ends the era of capitalism and opens the future of socialism.

We have immediately paid attention to the project to rebuild the international communist movement in which your Party has pouring heart and blood, and have learned a lot from the activities. Looking back at the steps in the past 18 years of the International Meeting of Communist and Workers’ Parties, we are considering the severity of recognizing the situation along with the size and weight of the given tasks, as shown in the Resolution concerning the situation in the International Communist Movement, which included the following, “the International Communist Movement remains organizationally and ideologically fragmented; it is still experiencing a crisis. The struggle between

revolutionary communist viewpoints and reformist, opportunist ones continues within its ranks. The conflict between the line of “resistance-rupture” and the line of “adaptation-assimilation” into the imperialist system continues”.

The struggles to reconstruct the revolutionary subject forces, as indicated in the Theses, has been set as the key task for the past 18 years or since the establishment of our Group, as we have made efforts as much as possible to overcome it and make a breakthrough. Attracted to the policy of “adaptation-assimilation”, the viewpoint of reformism and opportunism, which has survived as complementary forces for bourgeois domination, is standing still in Europe and in this land of Japan as an obstacle that hinders the progress of class struggle.

It has been long years since “socialism” has not been talked about even as an ideology in our country. The socialist society that existed in the 20th century is buried as a relic of the past and it is not respected properly. Since establishment of our Group we have undertaken activities to revive the significance of the Russian Socialist October Revolution despite the ruling trends against. With refreshed determination at the centennial of the Revolution we have planned for commemorative events and activities and are now undertaking its realization.

We wish a great success of the 20th Congress of KKE. We express our solidarity with you and hope and believe that KKE, celebrating the centennial of its establishment in 2018, would surely cultivate the path for victory, as the vanguard of the Greek working class.

With comradely greetings,

March 15, 2017

HIRONO Shozo,
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Activist Group SHISO-UNDO



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