

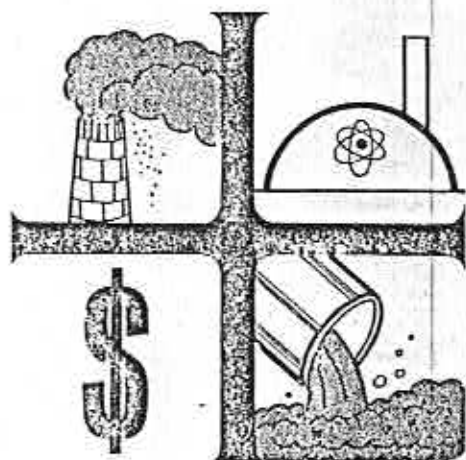
WORKERS' POWER...

NOT NUCLEAR POWER

We of the Libertarian Workers Group are rank and file workers engaged in the struggle against the proliferation of all forms of nuclear power. As anarchists, we are committed to the idea of workers self-management. We are opposed to the international economic systems East and West, state and corporate, that have polluted the environment and our communities and our workplaces for the purpose of accumulating profit and capital.

It is because of the authoritarian nature of these systems that nuclear power was developed. Its continued existence allows the big energy corporations to maintain their control through centralized energy in the form of huge nuclear power plants. Thus it is in the interest of those at the top of the pyramid of power to push nuclear power no matter what the costs or consequences.

The proliferation of nuclear power has resulted in accidents at Three Mile Island in the Soviet Union, threatens all human life. Our survival depends upon alternative forms of energy and recyclable natural resources that can be controlled locally in our communities and workplaces, for the good of all and not for the profit of a few.



We must also not forget the intimate connection between nuclear power and nuclear weaponry. Nuclear weaponry is an intrinsic part of the permanent war economy that exists only to prop up the power of the Defense Department and its war contractors. This war-machine is crucial for the continued power of the American state, both here and abroad, even though it has dire economic consequences. Thus the State, as well as the corporations, needs nuclear power.

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Clearly then, the ruling class will not turn away from nuclear power as long as it remains part and parcel of capitalism. It is up to us as working people and students, producers and consumers, to make nuclear power unprofitable. We can boycott corporations involved with nuclear power, withhold utility payments, hold mass demonstrations and occupations -- in short, rely on direct action, our single-most powerful weapon.

In supporting the struggle against the environmental and health hazards of our workplaces imposed by economic exploitation, we wholeheartedly support the coal miners in their fight to preserve threatened black lung benefits and to reopen the miners' health clinics, in addition to achieving a solid contract.