PEOPLE FOR DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION

We believe that:

(1) NOT ONLY must the Vermont Yankee nuclear reactor in Vernon, Vermont, be SHUT DOWN—but also

(2) ALL nuclear reactors throughout the world must be SHUT DOWN—and that

(3) The only sure-fire way to accomplish this is through a DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION that **SHUTS DOWN CAPITALISM**.

The decision last fall by a Federal judge overruling the democratic decision of the people of Vermont and ordering that the nuclear reactor in Vernon must be allowed to operate for another twenty years shows how thoroughly the supposedly democratic capitalist economic/political system is rigged against us—as it is rigged against every struggle for justice.

The Vernon nuke is just one instance of a particularly virulent and obvious SYMPTOM of an underlying pernicious DISEASE which infects our society: CAPITALISM.

Capitalism is an undemocratic, anti-human, anti-nature economic and political system based on an ethos of greed and competition. We must build a real democracy, based on the principles of mutual aid, solidarity, and democracy, in which ordinary people, acting in local and workplace assemblies, make all decisions about the kind of world they want to live in. There will be no judges, Congress, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission to tell Vermonters (or anybody else) what to do.

We must work to bring about the closing of the Vermont Yankee nuke and all other nukes but we must do so with the realization that any victories that we win will only be temporary and fleeting until we achieve a democratic revolution which takes power away from the greedy elites and lets ordinary people make all decisions about the kind of world they want to live in.

People for Democratic Revolution is a federation of groups and individuals who support the ideas summarized in the statement "This I Believe" (<u>thinkingaboutrevolution.com/This I Believe.pdf</u>) and elaborated more fully in the document "Thinking about Revolution" (<u>thinkingaboutrevolution.com</u>). If these ideas resonate with you please get in touch with us.

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Shut down Vermont Yankee! Shut down all nukes! SHUT DOWN CAPITALISM!