

PRESS DECLARATION OF OTOMOBILE-IŞ TRADE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

İSTANBUL, July 7 1987



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As we all know, contractual workers are becoming widespreadly employed in KİT (Public Economical Organization). The aim is, by rising the cost prices of KİT goods, making KİT attractive and easier to transfer to private sector.

The infrastructure of this transferring is being made ready by the IMF programs which is based on giving up the principle of these mentioned organizations which is "inexpensive service to the public".

The recent rises of Turkish Electricity Association bases upon the pact signed by the World Bank and the Turkish Republic Government (published in Official Gazette, July 1, 1987). Also, all the rises base upon the forcing of IMF. With all these cost rises, workers are totally paralyzed whose buying power is far behind 55 %.

During last 5 years, the inflation ratio for house goods is around 401 %. As it is reported in Government Statistics Institute bulletins, the inflation ratio for nourishing, clothing, heating and transportation for the last 5 years is around 80 %.

The workers minimum wages is, as we all know, has been raised from 28.000 TL to 49.000 TL recently, but with all these cost rises this means nothing for the workers.

During the last mass-contracts, the working people gained this rise of the min.wages by strikes, meal boycotts. But now, the government takes the extra off with the new rise pack.

Firing policy has become the government policy by the support of the main characteristics of the regime.

This policy targets the leading workers in the factories under the mask of "We fire workers because of the technological developments in industry and financial problems".

The workers who work under the rules of this firing policy are always being threatened by losing their jobs and by this way are being kept away from the struggle of trade-unions for democracy.

Having no job is an essential factor in Turkey in which the unemployment is in big numbers. So, we believe that taking the working right of the workers off their hand is inhibiting their living rights.

Another point in the social rage policy of ANAP government is the LOCK-OUT decisions. LOCK-OUT is considered a Humanity Crime in modern societies. The aim of ANAP government is to institutionalize the regime as a parliamentary-imaged authoritarian regime.

Asking for a STOP for this going is of vital importance. We want to see the defeat of ANAP government and the victory of a democratic life.

To gain democracy is essentially based on the unity of working class. If the unity of Trade Unions realize, the unity of the DEMOCRATIC FORCES will be realized in a very short time.

No one can claim that he himself can build up democracy on his own.

To build it up, all democratic forces must unite and act together. Today, the "easy trade-unionship" is over. To be a member of OTOMOBİL-İŞ is not only a honorable duty but choosing the hard and over-struggling way.

For this reason,

Considering that the referendum which will be done in September aims only strengthening the regime policy of the government, we say that our struggle of changing the 1982 Constitution must be brought together with the "YES" campaign for referendum.

-For our democracy and freedom

-For the World Peace

-For a national government which is beside the workers and works for the benefits of the working class

Let's unite with all the democratic forces against ANAP government which is the biggest enemy of workers and working class in Turkey



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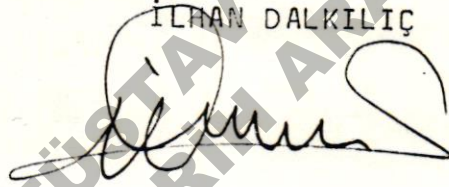
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