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STATEMENT OF COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY,
TO THE "VOICE OF THE TKP" RADIO CONCERNING THE
LATEST POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Question: Comrade Bilen, the reactionary-fascist forces are creating an atmosphere of civil war in the country. How do you view this development?

Answer: The imperialist circles, American imperialism in particular, are increasing their pressure on Turkey from without, on a nationwide scale and on the present government. This pressure takes different directions and forms: economic, monetary, political, military. By means of this pressure, American imperialism, the big bosses of NATO, its ruling members are hoping to further strengthen their position in Turkey.

There exists another kind of pressure on our people: from within, from the collaborating big bourgeoisie and the most reactionary-fascist parties. This internal pressure is spear-headed by the Justice Party and the Nationalist Action Party, the Demirels and Türkeş. It is again American imperialism and the big NATO bosses who stand behind the collaborating big bourgeoisie, these two parties and their cohorts, the Maoists. Thus the fascist escalation is taking more concrete forms and the danger is greatly increasing.

The Justice Party (JP) and the Nationalist Action Party (NAP), Demirel, Türkeş, the CIA and counter-guerrilla have intensified their onslaught against the progressive forces and against the left wing of the Republican People's Party (RPP). Their tactic is to establish cooperation between the reactionary forces and to prevent all national democratic forces from uniting in the struggle, to prevent them from establishing the National Democratic Front, to discredit the vacillating, many-hued RPP government, to widen the road of fascist escalation.

Neither Demirel, nor Türkeş are concealing these objectives and their aim of installing a fascist dictatorship. Both are frequently repeating their calls to overthrow the government. The reactionary press, pro-fascist newspapers like Tercüman, are full of such appeals. The leaders of the JP-NAP-Maoist triumvirate are openly engaging in widescale provocations to open the road to civil war. In recent months they have shifted their actions to the eastern provinces. They are attempting to bring matters to a head there. These preparations by the agents of imperialism and the most reactionary-fascist circles have also been reported in the foreign press. "Der Spiegel", one of the largest magazines in West Germany, reported that "The armed right is trying to provoke civil war in order to topple Ecevit". This statement by the magazine came at a time when Türkeş was holding secret, as well as open, meetings in West Germany with old and new Hitlerites, with Strauss and others like him. But the real plan was prepared in Washington by the CIA.

The JP-NAP-Maoist threesome's tactic to overthrow the government is obviously being conducted according to a pre-conceived plan. First Türkeş's gang embarked on its "Great March" from Tandoğan in Ankara. This was to have been something like the march of Mussolini's "Black Shirts". The banks

and the monopoly, collaborating bourgeoisie provided a vast amount of money and transportation for this show of strength. It hired buses, trains and airplanes for the fascist commandos. The result was a fiasco. Nevertheless the fascists didn't let up: Bloody events followed one after the other in Malatya, Elâzığ, Iğdır and Antep. The plan continues to unfold... In Istanbul, İzmir and Samsun the Justice Party says, "To the streets!" The followers of Türkeş flaunt themselves in Erzurum. Again vast sums fly about. Again buses, trains and airplanes carry the commandos. The domestic and foreign press report that this fascist escalation is being supported by a pro-American faction within the army. The events prove the correctness of these statements.

One wing of the Maoists, the Perinçekites, is fanning, inciting Turkish chauvinism.

Another wing, based on Kurdish reaction, is fanning separatism, sabotaging the unity of progressive forces and organising provocations. Both wings serve the same lord and master, the Americans.

While all these events are taking place, the reactionary, fascist newspapers have united their voices in an outcry about "divisionism". "The Constitution" they cry. They say no people, no nation or minority such as "Kurds, Laz or Arabs" exists, that no one but the Turks live in Turkey. The TKP demands the right of self-determination for all nations, the ensuring of their equal, democratic and constitutional rights. The reactionary, fascist press calls this "divisionism".

The Kurdish people have suffered much at the hands of imperialism, the reactionary Turkish bourgeoisie, the ruling circles and their governments. The oppression of the Kurdish people carries on from the Ottomans. It assumed wide-scale and savage forms following the establishment of the Republic.

Many Kurdish lords and sheiks have exploited the struggle of the Kurdish people for national rights, freedom and equality of rights for their own class interests. Imperialism and the ruling bourgeoisie in Turkey have always made use of them, have always intensified oppression of the Kurdish people. Uprisings incited by the reactionaries have ended in the dislocation and massacre of hundreds of thousands of Kurdish peasants. In the end, the Kurdish "beys" and lords negotiated and came to agreement with the Turkish bourgeoisie, their lordship and the yoke of the Turkish bourgeoisie continued uninterrupted. It is no novelty that the CIA and American imperialism should today have a hand in the provocations which have been shifted to the eastern provinces. The Türkeş'es, Demirels and Maoists are the puppets of imperialism.

In the Eastern provinces today, the governors are actually applying martial law using army and gendarme units. A new pogrom against the Kurdish people is being prepared. In the face of such monstrosities, no patriot or honest person can remain indifferent to the bloody-handed Demirels, Türkeş'es and Maoists. As always, the Kurdish beys are playing into the hands of reaction. The mortal enemies of the Kurdish people are uniting. Certain so-called "intellectuals" who have lost their way and don't know which way to turn call for "freedom", but ignore the fascist escalation and attack the progressives.

The fascist thugs are playing with fire in Kürdistan. They are trying to shift to this region their attempts to pit citizen against citizen. All democratic

forces must exercise vigilance against this danger.

The Communist Party of Turkey will continue to support the struggle of the Kurdish people for liberation, from national oppression, for freedom and equality of right, with all its might. It will form a unity of struggle of the Turkish and Kurdish people against imperialism, the collaborating big bourgeoisie, reactionary landowners and beys. The foremost duty today is to secure the unity of struggle of all progressive forces. The Communist Party and the Communists will intensify their struggle to alert and organise the masses against the bloody provocations of imperialists and fascists.

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S ORGANISATION (İKD)

Dear delegates of the İKD,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey expresses its warmest greetings to your Congress.

The Progressive Women's Organisation has unfurled the banner against the intolerable system. It is waging a hard struggle under difficult conditions. With the foundation of the Progressive Women's Organisation, a door of hope and struggle was opened for millions. The İKD, which is in the process of gathering broad masses of women under its banner is struggling alongside the working class for equal rights in every sphere of society. The women of Turkey are taking their place in strikes, marches, battlefields and May days alongside husbands and brothers. This struggle is being waged in factory and neighbourhood, in town and village. It is being waged against the fascists who shed the blood of our youth on the streets. The women who cry, "Mothers give birth, fascists kill!" and "Mothers give birth, imperialists and their collaborators dispatch to Korea's and Cyprus's to die!" are raising the slogan, "An end to the sorrow of the mothers!" Mothers and sisters do not want neutron bombs, the harbingers of death on our soil. Young brides do not want to weep bloodfilled tears. Women want work, rights, creches, peace; they want to live.

Because the İKD fights for such lofty aims, it is rightfully gaining the love and respect of our people. It is taking its rightful place in the struggle, not only in our society, in Turkey, but in the international sphere as well. This Congress of the İKD will be a new stage in its growth, in its efforts to unite the women's movement, and in its struggle by the side of the working class for equal rights, peace, democracy and national independence.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey wishes your Congress great success.

26 May 1978

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

THE STRUGGLE OF THE PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S ORGANISATION (İKD)

The second Congress of the İKD was held on the 28-29th May. The Activities Report presented to the Congress ascribed great importance to the role of working women who are raising the banner of the democratic women's movement in the anti-fascist, anti-imperialist struggle; the questions of consolidating the unity of democratic forces, intensifying efforts to realise the National Democratic Front, and achieving unity of the women's movement. The İKD's second Congress was attended by delegates from all corners of the country, together with representatives of women's organisations from many different countries. Speeches by the representatives of the Soviet Women's Organisation, the French Women's Union, and the Federation of Greek Women were met with enthusiasm and applauded with slogans of peace, friendship, and solidarity. The messages of the women's organisations of the GDR and Bulgaria were met with the same enthusiasm. A number of democratic organisations sent fraternal greetings to the Congress. The message of the Central Committee of the TKP was received with shouts of "Freedom to the TKP, the party of the working class of Turkey!"

The Progressive Women's Organisation was founded on the 3rd of June, 1975. Today, it has 12 thousand members and 22 branches, and is represented in 26 other places.

The İKD is a member of the World Federation of Democratic Women. It is strengthening its solidarity with the democratic and working women of different countries.

TO THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF BERLIN

Dear Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey respectfully shares your sorrow over the untimely death of Comrade Gerhard Danelius, President of the Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin.

Comrade Gerhard Danelius was an honoured and able Marxist-Leninist soldier, raised in the struggles of the German working class and the international communist and workers' movement. He went through hard battles against fascism. He never abandoned efforts to achieve the unity of the working class, all working people and progressive forces in the struggle against imperialism and reaction, for democracy, lasting peace and socialism. At all times he held high the banner of Leninist internationalism. He remained a loyal friend to the Soviet Union and the party of Lenin. At all times he supported the struggles of the peoples for national independence. He showed great interest in strengthening the bonds of friendship between the TKP and the SUPWB.

We express our condolences once again on the death of Comrade G.

Danelius. We, communists of Turkey shall always remember Comrade Danelius with respect.

I. Bilen,
General Secretary,
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

19 May 1978

**TO COMRADE CHARILAOS FLORAKIS,
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE**

Dear Comrade Florakis,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey, and also on my own behalf, I warmly congratulate you on your re-election as First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Greece.

I wish you health and happiness in your responsible duty at the head of the Communist Party of Greece, the Marxist-Leninist Party of the working class of Greece, and success in efforts against the policy of war and armament of imperialism, for the consolidation of the friendship between the peoples of Turkey and Greece, and the strengthening of proletarian internationalism.

I. Bilen,
General Secretary,
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

23 May 1978

**TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Dear Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey shares your deep sorrow over the death of comrade Moset Kotane, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of South Africa. Comrade Kotane was one of the outstanding militants of the international communist and workers' movement, of the national liberation movement. He struggled against imperialism, colonialism and racism, for the liberation of the African peoples and the spread of the communist ideal. He was a fiery Marxist-Leninist revolutionary. He was a fiery friend of the CPSU, the party of Lenin. The TKP and the communists of Turkey will always honour the memory of Comrade Kotane.

I. Bilen,
General Secretary,
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

22 May 1978

**TO THE 14TH CONGRESS OF THE PROGRESSIVE
PARTY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, AKEL**

Dear Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the 14th Congress of the Progressive Party of the Working People of Cyprus, AKEL, on behalf of the communists and working people of Turkey.

Your Congress is being held under the difficult conditions imposed after the invasion of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkish military units which, incited by American imperialism and the ruling circles of NATO, trampled on the territorial integrity of Cyprus and set out to partition the island.

AKEL is giving direction to the struggle of the working class and people of Cyprus for democratic and social rights and the elimination of the results of imperialist aggression. The struggle of the people of Cyprus to regain national independence, territorial integrity, and sovereign rights, is an integral part of the struggles of the peoples for peace and security in our region, in the eastern Mediterranean, for national independence and social liberation. The people of Cyprus are not alone in this just struggle.

Our party, the Communist Party of Turkey, has always defended the struggle of the people of Cyprus for their national independence and democratic rights. Upon the invasion of the island by units of the Turkish army, the TKP issued its "Appeal to the Army". It called, "Soldier! Turn back! Do not become a tool of imperialism!" The TKP continues to wage this struggle today. All foreign military forces must leave the island; all foreign bases must be dismantled. The return of all Greek and Turkish Cypriots, all refugees who were driven out of their homes, must be secured. The proposals of the Soviet Union, other socialist countries and all peace-loving forces, the United Nations resolutions, must be implemented. The Cyprus question must be resolved forthwith by the convening of an international conference. The people of Cyprus must control the destiny of their motherland. Only in this way, and by realising their democratic rights, can the two communities live together fraternally. Only thus can the well-being and happiness of the people of Cyprus be secured. Only thus can the island become a fortress of peace in our region.

Our Party, the TKP, is organising the struggle of the working class and broad masses of working people in Turkey against imperialism, the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and the fascist menace. It is in the front ranks of this struggle. The working class and people of Turkey are struggling for liberation from the yoke of American imperialism and NATO, for an advanced democratic order which will grow into socialism. This struggle is not separate from the struggle of the people of Cyprus.

The Communist Party of Turkey wishes success to the 14th Congress of the fraternal AKEL.

Long live the national independence and national liberation of the people of Cyprus!

Long live the friendship and fraternity of the peoples of Turkey and Cyprus!

Long live the bonds of proletarian internationalism between the TKP and AKEL!

Long live the Progressive Party of the Working People of Cyprus – AKEL
Central Committee

25 May 1978

Communist Party of Turkey

THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ORGANISATION (İGD)

The First Congress of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD), was held on the 15-17th May at the Harbiye Municipal Theatre in İstanbul. 228 delegates attended. On the first day of the Congress, Sökücü, the President of the İGD, presented the Activities Report. In it he spoke of the active role of the progressive youth of Turkey and its organisation, the İGD, in the struggle against imperialism and the forces of reaction, for peace, democracy and national independence. He spoke of the duties facing youth in this struggle.

The Congress approved the new statutes of the organisation. Resolutions were also unanimously passed on the unity of action of youth, on becoming a federation, and on membership of the World Federation of Democratic Youth. In addition, the delegates unanimously passed resolutions on the strengthening of the struggle against imperialism, fascism, national discrimination and oppression, the realisation of the unity of action and unity of front of all national democratic forces, the eradication of fascist strongholds, and the intensification of efforts to lift the ban on the TKP.

The forum of the progressive youth of Turkey was attended by leaders of the Metal Workers' Union (Maden-İş), and representatives of various organisations. Also present at the first Congress of the İGD were delegates from the WFDY, the youth organisations of some socialist countries, as well as those of many capitalist countries. In their speeches, these guests wished the progressive youth of Turkey and the İGD well in their work. The TKP, the Progressive Women's Organisation, and many other progressive organisations, various international democratic youth and students' organisations, and the youth organisations of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries sent fraternal greetings to the İGD Congress.

The Progressive Youth Organisation was established in the first months of 1976. Today it has over 30 thousand members and 58 branches.

The Progressive Youth Organisation is making intense efforts to free the youth from the influence of reactionary-fascist, bourgeois ideology and its lie-machine. It is organising seminars and symposiums to educate the youth. It is showing the youth the true road of struggle on national and international questions. The İGD conducts serious work in the fields of art, sports and culture. It is establishing sports clubs and cultural organisations. Today the İGD embraces folklore, photo-film and drama units. It publishes a fortnightly newspaper called "Patriotic Youth" and is a member of the World Federation of Democratic Youth.