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**TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF VENEZUELA**

Esteemed Comrades,

Let us express our sincere gratitude for the fraternal greetings in struggle and the solidarity you have extended to our party, the working class of Turkey, and our people. The peoples of our two countries are waging a common struggle against imperialism. Our parties are bound together on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We wish the Communist Party of Venezuela, the working class and people of Venezuela, renewed successes in the struggle for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism.

With communist greetings,

İ. Bilen,
General Secretary,
Central Committee,

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Communist Party of Turkey

**REŞAT FUAT BARANER COMMEMORATED ON THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH**

Reşat Fuat Baraner, unforgettable fighter of the working class of Turkey, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and unwavering Marxist-Leninist, was respectfully commemorated on the 10th anniversary of his death in meetings held in our country by the TKP and progressive, patriotic and revolutionary forces. At these meetings, the life and struggle of this great revolutionary and internationalist were related. Baraner's contribution to the struggle of our party and working class, to the propagation of Marxist-Leninist ideals and principles in our country were emphasised.

The following lines are taken from an article which appeared in "Atılım", organ of the Central Committee of the TKP, commemorating the 10th anniversary of Reşat Fuat Baraner's death: "We mourn the loss of Comrade Reşat Fuat Baraner, a militant of our party, on this, the 10th anniversary of his death. He remained a respected member of our Party till his dying day. The Party is rightfully proud of having raised a fighter such as R. Fuat Baraner.

Baraner linked himself to the Great October revolution, its leader, V. I. Lenin, and the struggle of the working class of Turkey at a young age. In 1926, he took his place in the fighting ranks of the TKP. He attended the Lenin University in the Soviet Union. Reşat Fuat Baraner took on every type of duty and responsibility in the ranks of the TKP. He sat on the Political Bureau of the Central Committee and acted as a Secretary of the Central Committee.

R. F. Baraner was a communist of exceptional ability. He was an excellent organiser, propagandist and agitator. Throughout his life of struggle,

Comrade R. F. Baraner upheld Marxism-Leninism, proletarian internationalism, the Soviet land and the CPSU, the working class of Turkey and the TKP, without yielding, even under the most difficult conditions. His defence on the TKP and its Programme at the No. 2 Ankara Martial Law Court in 1944, in the words of Comrade Bilen, "related the history of our Party in a most honourable way." Comrade Üstünel relates this defence in his work, "The Road of Struggle". Comrade Baraner was the epitome of communist endurance. He spent nearly 20 years in prison and protected his communist morale under the most terrible tortures.

Comrade Baraner was one of the leading upholders of the Marxist-Leninist, internationalist line in our party after Mustafa Suphi. R. F. Baraner was ruthless against class enemies and enemies of the TKP. Together with Comrade Bilen, now at the head of our party as General Secretary of the Central Committee, he waged a consistent struggle against opportunist, liquidationist groups. Comrade Baraner's comradeship in arms with Comrade Bilen was sealed at the 1934 Central Committee Plenum on the basis of defence of the Leninist line against the protagonists of the class collaborationist line. The Central Committee of the TKP promoted these two fighters to the most responsible positions in the Party.

Later, there emerged those among the provocateurs and opportunists who hid behind Baraner's image and attacked the TKP. The Communist Party defended, and continues to defend, this Marxist-Leninist fighter against all manner of attacks. Our party respectfully mourns communist Baraner on the 10th anniversary of his death".

THE LIFTING OF THE "EMBARGO" AND THE MOUNTING PRESSURES OF IMPERIALISM

At the beginning of August, the United States House of Representatives lifted the "embargo" imposed on Turkey after the invasion of Cyprus. In this way, American imperialism is implementing the decisions taken at the recent NATO summit meeting in Washington to accelerate armament and sabotage, peace and security, by tipping the military balance in the Mediterranean region in its own favour. The lifting of the "embargo" is an extension of efforts by the Pentagon and the ruling quarters of NATO to both patch up the split in the southeastern flank of NATO and increase tensions in the Mediterranean region. The principal objectives of such a step are to expand imperialism's field of manoeuvre and its opportunities to exert pressure on Turkey and Greece, to arm both countries to the teeth, prevent them from establishing friendly relations with the socialist countries, and frustrate a peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem, keeping Cyprus a hotbed in our region.

American imperialism's ever-more intense pressure on Turkey confirms this fact once more. Washington has launched an open offensive aimed at operating more extensively the bases of aggression and espionage centres spread throughout our country and securing new bases. The government is bowing to these pressures of American imperialism, giving no reply to the demands of the people and progressive forces. The newspaper "Frankfurter

Allgemeine" quotes Ecevit as saying, "We are prepared to discuss with Washington, the question of reopening the bases". American State Department officials, who met with General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Şükrü Elekdağ, stated "No obstacles remain in the path of resuming operations at 4 American bases in Turkey". The 4 bases American imperialism is keen to reopen immediately are the following: 1) Kargaburun; this base monitors Soviet vessels passing from the Black Sea to the Aegean and Mediterranean. 2) Sinop; this base monitors the Soviet fleet in the Black Sea. 3) İncirlik; the base housing US spy aircraft and nuclear missiles. 4) Piriçlik: all information obtained from listening stations is passed onto this base in southeastern Anatolia.

The American magazine "Time" reports that the US is also pressing for the resumption of operations at 5 important listening stations, all directed against the Soviet Union. In its 5th of August edition, the big bourgeoisie daily "Hürriyet" printed a map specifying 7 nuclear stockpile stations in various regions of Turkey. It writes that a total of 31 American bases and 5 thousand American soldiers are stationed on our land. The true figure for these bases and soldiers is much higher than that disclosed. Moreover, NATO bases and American soldiers stationed at those bases are not included in this figure.

As can be seen, an imperialist state, the USA, is using our country's soil for aggressive purposes against our neighbour, the Soviet Union, and the other socialist countries. This is entirely in contravention of the political document concluded between the Soviet Union and Turkey and the Final Act of the Helsinki Agreement. The presence of these bases runs counter to Turkey's national interests and serves only the aggressive purposes of American imperialism. The government is waiting for the widespread anti-imperialist relations in public opinion to subside before it reopens the bases. In reality, the "Joint Defence Agreement" signed by Çağlayangil and Kissinger was not ratified, either by the Turkish parliament or the US Senate, and is no longer in force. At this moment, there exists no agreement in force which validates the presence of American bases. For this reason, the attempts of the Ecevit government to reopen US bases in return for the lifting of the embargo are devoid of any legal basis as well.

DİSK'S ÖREN MEETING AND UNITY OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FORCES

A meeting of DİSK Executive, Control and Honour committee members, DİSK area representatives and executive committee members of 23 unions affiliated to DİSK, was held on 1-4 August. At the meeting, internal problems of DİSK, questions of trade union unity and relations with the government were discussed. The demands of DİSK were stated. The agreement concluded between the government and Türk-İş, aimed at freezing wages and weakening the trade union struggle, was opposed. Another important question discussed at the Ören meeting was the question of the anti-fascist, anti-imperialist front of national democratic forces.

THE HAVANA FORUM OF WORLD YOUTH

The 11th World Festival of Students and Youth was held in Havana, the capital of socialist Cuba, between the 28th of July and the 5th of August.

The Havana Festival constituted an important stage in the history of the international festival movement which serves to strengthen the unity of action and cooperation of world democratic and progressive youth.

The youth of Turkey took their rightful place at this forum of world youth, legally and for the first time. The delegation to the festival represented the youth of Turkey to the highest degree. Included in the delegation were young communists, socialists, and social-democrats, Turks and Kurds, workers and students. Also on the delegation were the deputy for Kütahya of the governing Republican People's Party, journalists and artists. The preparations for the festival were a forward step for the unity of action of the youth of Turkey. Youth organisations formed a joint committee under the name of HAFEST.1 The intensity of the preparatory work drew attacks from reactionary forces. In its 8th of August edition, the daily organ of the Justice Party (JP), "Son Havadis", expressed astonishment at the effectiveness of the preparatory activity for the festival.

At this festival, the youth of Turkey joined with world youth and raised its voice in the struggle against imperialism and fascism, colonialism and racialism. Throughout the festival it judged imperialism together with the progressive youth of the world. It unanimously approved the proposal for the convocation of an international youth conference on disarmament. It accepted the "Call to World Youth" as a guide for action in the struggle for the democratic rights of youth and in the closing of its ranks.

Participation in the 11th World Festival of Students and Youth, further illuminated the path of struggle before the youth of Turkey. It revealed to them more clearly the correct path, the internationalist road of struggle of the TKP. It created new opportunities for the unity in action and joining of forces in this honourable struggle.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONTINUES

Anti-democratic pressures on progressive publications and thinking in our country, are continuing. Such journals as "Ürün", and "Problems of Peace and Socialism", such publications as the "TKP Programme" and the "Documents of the TKP Conference" have been confiscated. The responsible editors of these publications and people who demanded "Freedom to the TKP" in demonstrations, are being tried under articles 141 and 142 of the penal code taken from Mussolini's fascist Italy. The severe prison sentences imposed on the two former editors of the journal "Ürün" have been confirmed. Turkey is the only country in Europe where the ban on the communist party is maintained and progressive publications are banned and confiscated. In addition to the fact that all these anti-democratic actions are incompatible with Prime Minister Ecevit's statements that "we are for

freedom of thought, they constitute a violation of the Helsinki Final Act and basic human rights.

Despite all pressures, the progressive publishers "Ürün", have carried out the most natural duty of a democratic press by publishing the TKP Programme. National and international solidarity against these kinds of anti-democratic actions in our country, are expanding continuously. Demands are being put forward, on a national and international scale, for the repeal of fascist articles 141 and 142, the retraction of the confiscation order on the TKP Programme, an end to the investigations and trials around this, the lifting of the ban on the TKP and an end to anti-democratic actions against progressive publications and thinking. Many Republican People's Party MP's, the Bar Association, progressive women's and youth organisations, trade unions and various professional organisations are demanding the repeal of articles 141 and 142 and are conducting an active struggle for this.

The Editorial Board of the international journal, "Problems of Peace and Socialism", composed of representatives of 75 communist and workers' parties, has sent a solidarity telegram to "Ürün" publishers and a protest telegram to Prime Minister Ecevit.

The protest telegram sent by the Editorial Board of "Problems of Peace and Socialism" to Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit reads:

"The Editorial Board of the international journal, "Problems of Peace and Socialism", composed of representatives of 75 communist and workers' parties, vehemently protests against the trial of "Ürün" publications' director, Ahmet Taştan and his colleagues. The opening of legal proceedings against them for publishing the TKP Programme and other documents is a crude violation of basic democratic rights and civil liberties. We unequivocally demand the release of the victims of this extra-legal trial and the repeal of article 141, which bans both the Communist Party of Turkey and every action in the interests of the mass of the people."

The solidarity telegram sent by the Editorial Board of Problems of Peace and Socialism to "Ürün" Publishers reads:

"The Editorial Board of the communist and worker's parties' theoretical information journal, "Problems of Peace and Socialism", extend to you and all your colleagues who have been subjected to police terror, their sincere and profound solidarity. Progressives throughout the world vehemently condemn the trial being conducted of Ahmet Taştan and his colleagues, a trial which crudely violates democratic rights and civil liberties. We are wholeheartedly confident that the trial you are so fearlessly defending will end in victory".

The progressive organisations of our workers and students abroad are also strongly denouncing the anti-democratic actions, the assaults on freedom of thought, and expressing their solidarity with "Ürün's" publishers.

The Union of Turkish Progressives in Britain (UTPB), has launched a protest campaign against the confiscation of the TKP Programme and the prosecution of "Ürün" publishers. A protest vigil was held outside the Turkish Embassy in London. The UTPB has initiated a campaign to send protest messages to the Prime Minister and the Embassy, and has issued an Appeal to this end. The Union of Turkish Progressives in Belgium has launched a protest campaign against articles 141 and 142 of the penal code, and a

solidarity campaign with the publishers of the TKP Programme, "Ürün". Letters of protest are being sent to Prime Minister Ecevit concerning this matter. Demands are being put forward for the repeal of the fascist articles, an end to the prosecutions, the realisation of freedom of thought and lifting of the ban on the TKP.

In recent weeks, the Turkish Peace and Freedom Committee (TBÖK), held a press conference about the fascist attacks and anti-democratic actions in Turkey. At this conference, attended by a large number of representatives of the press, the continuing fascist escalation, pressures and investigations against progressive forces were explained. A signature campaign around the following demands was initiated: Those responsible for the fascist attacks must be punished, the Nationalist Action Party and its associate organisations must be dispersed, freedom of thought and organisation must be realised, and the TKP's right to function legally must be recognised.

VICTIMS OF FASCIST TERRORISM

Fascist attacks against progressive and democratic forces, members of the Republican People's Party seeking decisive measures to end the violence, and communists, continued during the first half of August. 149 attacks took place between the 1st and 15th of the month. 35 persons died in these attacks, 8 of them students. 177 persons were wounded, 26 of them critically. 3 branches of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD) came under attack. The Karabük branch of the İGD was burned down. Police conducted searches of the İGD Ankara and İstanbul branches. 40 youth belonging to this organisation were arrested. During this period, fascist attacks intensified in the provinces and townships of Diyarbakır, Malatya, Niğde and Gaziantep. In Niğde alone, 4 people were killed.

In spite of the mounting, indisputable evidence uncovered in recent days showing that the source of the fascist attacks are the NAP and its associate organisations, the RPP-dominated government is persisting in its vacillating, wavering, indecisive attitude. Ignoring the mass of this evidence, the Ministry for the Interior refuses to disperse the Nationalist Action Party and the Ülkü Ocakları, to heed the demands of our people, progressive forces, and the rank and file of the RPP. The TKP and progressive forces demand that decisive measures be taken to prevent fascist attacks, that the NAP and the Ülkü Ocakları be dispersed and that fascists within the state apparatus and army be removed.