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**SPEECH OF COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
TKP CC, AT THE CELEBRATION MARKING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE JOURNAL, "PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SOCIALISM"**

Esteemed Comrades,

I express revolutionary internationalist greetings to all the comrades participating in this celebration of the 20th anniversary of struggle of the journal, "Problems of Peace and Socialism", to the representatives of fraternal parties, all the comrades who have worked on the journal and to the editorial board.

We communists are rightfully proud of this militant journal of the international communist movement which for 20 years has illuminated the world revolutionary process against the political and ideological attacks of imperialism and reaction.

In our day, the mass actions and the struggles of all peace-loving forces, those of the working class and working people first and foremost, for peace and disarmament are of decisive importance. Joint and coordinated actions by the communist parties which give the lead to the peace struggle of the masses are more than ever a necessity. The main force of this struggle on a world scale is the Soviet Union and the world socialist system. To support this force with all their strength is one of the foremost duties of the communist parties.

American imperialism, the ringleaders of NATO, are accelerating armament on an unprecedented scale.

The Peking leadership is openly collaborating with the Pentagon in war provocations. Hua Kuo Feng's recent tour was aimed at sabotaging peace and detente in the Balkans. Our Party does not and will not remain aloof from the struggle against the hegemonist policy of the Peking leadership which is collaborating with imperialism, the mortal enemy of our people.

The socialist countries, the Soviet Union first and foremost, are pursuing a consistent and constructive Leninist peace policy. The Soviet Union's proposals and initiatives for the sake of disarmament are concrete examples of this policy.

The TKP does not separate the struggle for peace from the struggle for national independence, democracy and socialism. It is struggling against American imperialism and NATO, against American bases on our soil and enslaving bilateral agreements. In Turkey, the masses are embracing the struggle. The latter has reached an organised and massive level.

In the ideological field, the TKP brings to the fore the struggle to uphold the purity of Marxism-Leninism. It considers it a duty to struggle against all forms of opportunism and efforts to revise Marxism-Leninism with all its strength.

The TKP is fighting first and foremost against the fascist menace, against the mounting pressures of imperialism and the efforts to foist the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the working people. Today, the class struggles in Turkey have taken on bloody forms, a bloody character. The concerted attacks of the fascist commandos and Maoist provocateurs in collaboration with the CIA and the National Intelligence Organisation (MİT) are

intensifying. In the last 8 months 400 of our countrymen have died in these attacks, while thousands more have been wounded. Presently, these attacks are increasing the danger of a counter-revolutionary civil war. It is against this background that the government is intensifying its pressures against progressive organisations and the masses. The publishers of the **Programme of the Communist Party of Turkey** are being brought to trial. With these attacks, the ruling circles are striving to draw the government even further to the right, prevent Turkey's approach to the socialist countries and intimidate the progressive forces. Against the vacillating policy of the government, the TKP is pursuing a policy of unity of action and unity of front of all national democratic forces against the fascist threat and imperialist pressures.

In these severe conditions, the journal, "Problems of Peace and Socialism" has begun appearing legally in Turkey. The "New Age" version, on the other hand, has been appearing for 15 years. In these difficult conditions, the journal, "Problems of Peace and Socialism" is illuminating the path of struggle of our working class and people, the millions, for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism.

Thank you for your attention.

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

We extend warmest greetings from the Communists of Cuba on this, the occasion of another anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Turkey, which, under conditions of severe illegality, is waging a fierce struggle for democratisation of your country, for the just demands of the people of Turkey.

Central Committee
Communist Party of Cuba

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE TUDEH PARTY OF IRAN

Esteemed Comrades,

The Communist Party of Turkey sends revolutionary greetings and expresses the solidarity of all communists and working people of Turkey with the mass struggle being waged by the working class and broad masses of the people against the bloody regime of the Shah in Iran, with all progressive forces, and first and foremost, with the fraternal Tudeh Party. No amount of repression and terror by imperialism and reaction will be able to break the mounting struggle of the working class and people under the leadership of the Tudeh Party for national independence and democracy. They will not be able to prevent the victory of the united national and democratic forces. The despotic regime of the Shah will be overthrown and a democratic republic will be established.

Long live the heroic struggle of the people of Iran! Long live the Tudeh Party!

11 September 1978
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE

Esteemed Comrades,

On the 5th anniversary of the coup by American imperialism and the collaborating fascist generals, the Central Committee of the TKP expresses the solidarity of all communists and anti-fascists of Turkey with the Communist Party of Chile and the Chilean democrats and patriots waging a heroic struggle against the fascist junta.

The resistance of the Chilean people, together with the solidarity of the socialist countries, the international working class and the peoples of the world have forced the Pinochet dictatorship into an ever-deepening crisis. The CPC is scoring successes in the struggle to unite all anti-fascist forces against the fascist regime imposed by imperialism. It is fighting for the complete annihilation of fascism and the establishment of a genuine democracy. The TKP is bound by ties of fraternity and proletarian internationalism with the Communist Party of Chile.

The TKP does not separate the struggle against imperialism, the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and the fascist escalation in Turkey from actions of solidarity with the people of Chile. Today, the working class, the progressive youth, our people, are engaged in precisely such active solidarity. Our Party will not refrain from further extending and developing this solidarity.

With communist greetings,

11 September 1978

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

THE AXIS OF WAR: PEKING—IMPERIALISM—REACTION

Recently, attempts to strengthen the collaboration between China and the imperialist countries, in particular, between China and the USA, have increased. The basis of this collaboration is the fight against the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries, and against the communist and national liberation movements.

The most significant aspect of the Chinese-American rapprochement is the increase in military-political collaboration. This collaboration has increased especially after the Peking visits of US Secretary of State, Brzezinski, and F. Press, presidential adviser. The Carter administration has taken the decision to accelerate the supply of military arms and materials to China.

On the most important international questions, the policies of Peking and the imperialist states are remarkably similar. In particular, there is no difference in their approaches to detente and disarmament. The Peking leaders oppose every attempt to strengthen world peace. They propagate their idea that, "Every generation must have its war", and try to incite an arms race. They persist in conducting nuclear tests in the atmosphere despite protests from world public opinion. It is said that work is being conducted on the construction of the neutron bomb.

The Peking leaders continue their attacks against the Soviet Union and

the other socialist countries, against the national liberation movement. In Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, they support the most reactionary forces and collaborate with fascist regimes, the allies of imperialism. Hua Kuo Feng's recent tour was aimed at sabotaging peace and detente in the Balkans.

The TKP, communists, consider the activities of the Chinese leaders to form a Peking-imperialism-reaction front as a grave threat to the world revolutionary movement and world peace. Because, the establishment of such a front increases the danger of a new world war. Thus, the struggle against efforts to establish this front has become one of the most important tasks of our day, a task that cannot be postponed.

Peking's Calculations with Regard to Turkey

While intensifying their relations with American imperialism, the Peking hegemonists have begun to apply their calculations with regard to Turkey. They want Turkey to maintain its ties with NATO whatever the cost. In particular, they are pursuing a policy directed at using any means to sabotage the development of Turkish-Soviet relations.

With this aim, the Peking hegemonists took a series of actions. Just as they did during Prime Minister Ecevit's visit to the Soviet Union, now, at a time when Turkish-Soviet trade agreements are being signed, Chinese diplomats are frequenting Turkey. It is clear that these efforts are aimed at sabotaging Turkish-Soviet relations.

The hidden face of China's calculations with regard to Turkey is brought into the open by the actions of the Maoist group, China's fifth column in our country. Parallel with Peking's long-standing "three worlds theory", this group propagates collaboration with reactionary-fascist forces, and brazenly applies this policy. They are heading towards the establishment of a "single front" with reactionary-fascist forces on the basis of anti-Sovietism and hostility to the TKP. The Peking-line Workers' and Peasants' Party of Turkey stands on its feet due to the direct support of the ruling forces. Their daily newspaper is printed at the printing house of "Tercüman", Turkey's most reactionary press monopoly. In return for this, the Maoists tell public opinion that the newspaper "Tercüman" is "revolutionary". This Maoist group, led by Perinçek, collaborates directly with fascist terror organisations and "Ülkü Ocakları"* militants. Together with fascist commandos, they conduct armed attacks against representatives of the Soviet Union in our country, the offices of its airline and its consulates. The Maoist aggressors carry out bloody attacks against members of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD) in particular. In recent days the Maoist killers murdered a youth named Önder Alkan. On the other hand, Peking's counter-revolutionary position, coming out into the open, is sharpening contradictions among these groups. These allies of Peking take the road of physically eliminating anyone who opposes themselves. For this reason they murdered two people who had opposed them in Adana.

Since the advance in Turkish-Soviet relations, the Maoists have intensified their attacks against the Ecevit government. They are striving to draw the Republican People's Party further to the right, ensure unconditional

submission to NATO and intervene in relations with the Soviet Union – all this on the basis of a RPP-Justice Party partnership as proposed by imperialism.

The Peace Forces are growing

Nevertheless, the forces which oppose this policy of Peking and its extensions directed at sabotaging peace and strengthening reaction, are also growing. The recent 1 September world peace day was massively celebrated in Turkey. The celebrations, under the leadership of the Peace Committee and participated in by broad peace-loving forces and organisations, included mass demonstrations in İstanbul, İzmir, Ankara and other cities.

One of the specifics of this year's 1 September celebrations was the participation of delegations which had come to our country for the preparatory meeting for the "Conference for Economic, Technical and Cultural Cooperation in the Middle East and the Balkans", which will be held in Turkey through the cooperation of the Peace Committee and the World Peace Council, delegations from the Peace Committees of Greece, Bulgaria and the Lebanon and Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The struggle for peace is led by the working class and its militant vanguard organisation, the TKP. The TKP calls all our country's peace-loving forces to united action in the struggle to reduce armaments and tension, united action against imperialism and the Peking hegemonists. The struggle to drive out the American bases and for withdrawal from NATO stands at the centre of the struggle for peace.

A PLATFORM OF STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM TO THE TKP

The Editorial in number 51 of "Ürün" magazine contains a wealth of facts and figures laying bare the violation of freedom of thought and human rights in Turkey. As will be recalled, the director of the journal, Ahmet Taştan, will be brought to trial on the 17th of October at the İstanbul 2nd Criminal Court, charged with publishing the **Programme of the Communist Party of Turkey**. A minimum 11-year prison sentence is being demanded.

"To date, 23 issues of our journal and most of our publications (among them the **TKP Programme**) have been confiscated. The total prison sentence being demanded for our publishers adds up to a few centuries. Our former director has been sentenced to 7.5 years imprisonment for publishing Lenin's work, "The Role of Women in Society". This conviction has been confirmed by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

– The owner of Kızılırmak Publishing House has spent nearly a year behind bars for publishing the album, "The October Revolution in Pictures".

– The trial of the editor of "Temel" Publishing House, publishers of the **Documents of the TKP Conference**, continues at the Ankara First Criminal Court.

– The very first issue of the journal "Problems of Peace and Socialism"

was confiscated and its editor committed to trial, for an article entitled, "The Immortal Light of the October Revolution" by Todor Zhivkov, President of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria.

– The total prison sentence being sought for the editor of the newspaper "Politika" exceeds some 150 years, while fines run into the millions".

The trial of Ahmet Taştan in connection with the publication of the **TKP Programme** is one link in this series of anti-democratic prosecutions. Already, this trial, undertaken for the purpose of putting the TKP Programme in chains, consolidating the ban on the TKP itself and preventing it from reaching out to the masses, has become a rostrum of the struggle for the most basic human rights. National and international democratic forces are raising their voices against this sinister attempt by reaction to smother freedom of thought.

Message of Solidarity from the World Federation of Trade Unions

Number 51 of the "Ürün" journal contains a telegraph of solidarity sent to the "Ürün" Publishing House, publishers of the **TKP Programme**, by the World Federation of Trade Unions. Signed by Enrique Pastorino, General Secretary of the WFTU; the telegraph reads as follows:

"The World Federation of Trade Unions has been informed about the forthcoming trial of your director Ahmet Taştan and others, charged under article 141 because you published the TKP Programme.

We consider this trial as a gross violation by the Turkish government of human rights and the universally accepted rights to freedom of expression.

The WFTU is in solidarity with you and if, despite ours and worldwide protests, the trial goes along on October 17, we should be considering taking additional measures".

Letter from the German Communist Party

The Executive Committee of the German Communist Party has sent a letter to the TKP Central Committee. The letter reads: "We learned with anger of the repression being conducted against members of your Party and other democratic forces of Turkey in connection with the publication of the TKP Programme". The letter states that the German Communist Party has undertaken solidarity actions against this repression and concludes: "We have fraternal ties with your Party and all democrats of Turkey in your struggle for freedom and democracy".

In the Federal German Press

The 21.8.78 issue of the newspaper "Unsere Zeit", the organ of the German Communist Party, includes a long article on anti-democratic

repression in Turkey. The article, which begins, "The ruling circles are trampling on basic human rights and freedoms in Turkey, a member of NATO", states, "Turkey is the only country in Europe where the Communist Party is banned".

The article continues: "Since the establishment of this government, in the last seven months, more than 400 citizens have been shot dead by fascist commandos, the secret and open police and Maoist provocateurs".

Relating that the publishers of the TKP Programme are being tried, the article says, "Articles 141 and 142 of the Criminal Code, taken from the Criminal Code of fascist Italy and then made even harsher, ban the Communist Party of Turkey and the conducting of any propaganda in the interests of the working class. The struggle to abolish these articles, which are directed not only against communists, but against all progressive forces, is today embracing broad masses in Turkey".

The newspaper further relates that investigations have been launched against those who shouted or carried banners calling for freedom to the TKP on the last May Day.

"Unsere Zeit" calls attention to the fact that all these attacks have intensified since the TKP issued its call to all national democratic forces to join together in a united anti-imperialist, anti-fascist front.

In the Soviet Press

The 1 September 1978 issue of "Pravda", the central organ of the CPSU, contains news and information taken from the newspaper "Unsere Zeit" about the repression against the TKP and all democratic forces and publications.

"Pravda" writes, "26 out of 47 issues of the socialist journal "Ürün" have been confiscated. The TKP Programme and the Documents of the TKP Conference, published by "Ürün" and "Temel", progressive publishing houses, have also been confiscated.

"Progressive individuals and organisations are being prosecuted under the anti-democratic articles 141 and 142 of the Turkish Criminal Code. As is known, the continued application of these two articles means that Turkey remains the only country in Europe where the activities of the Communist Party are banned".

In the Belgian Press

The newspaper "Drapeau Rouge", organ of the Belgian Communist Party, published a news article which reads: "Ahmet Taştan, managing editor of the journal "Ürün", is being prosecuted in connection with the publication of the Programme of the Communist Party of Turkey, which has been forced into illegality for more than 50 years. This is still the case despite Prime Minister Ecevit's statement on the 5th of April that he expected the prohibition in respect to freedom of organisation to be abolished in a short time".