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TÜSTAV

STATEMENT

American-Chinese military-political collaboration is intensifying in a direction which threatens to endanger peace in the world and in our region, sabotage the process of detente and undermine our country's national security. American-Chinese collaboration works against the banning and limitation of nuclear weapons of mass destruction. This creates a great danger for the future of mankind.

This adventurist partnership is directed against the world socialist system, the communist and workers' movement and the national liberation movement. The Peking hegemonists are attempting to strengthen their weak positions in the struggle they are waging against the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries by relying on America and NATO. American imperialism is using Peking as a "trump card" for protecting its interests in Africa, Asia, the Near and Far East and for blackmailing the Soviet Union in disarmament talks. The establishment of such a Peking-imperialism-reaction axis increases the danger of a world war. Today, the Chinese leadership has entered a new phase in its degeneration, the phase of complete unity with American imperialism.

Hua Kuo Feng's tour of the Balkans was aimed at sabotaging peace, friendship of the peoples and cooperation in our region. Peking's designs on Turkey are aimed at disrupting Turkish-Soviet relations and supporting the groups under their control.

The Maoist groups in our country, directly organised and fostered by Peking, have completely merged with the collaborators of American imperialism and the most reactionary fascist forces. In Turkey, Maoism has entered a new phase in its process of putrefaction. They act as the aggressive, blood-thirsty militants in our country of the axis formed by China with America and world reaction. The Maoists defend the strengthening of the American bases against the Soviet Union and the neighbouring peoples, dependence on imperialism and NATO, and the arms race. They rabidly attack the development of Turkish-Soviet relations and government steps in this direction. They join hands with the fascist Nationalist Action Party and *Ülkü Ocakları* commandos whose hands are drenched in the blood of hundreds of patriots. They attack with lies, demagoguery, blood and bullets, members of the TKP first and foremost, and all progressive forces. These attacks of the Maoists run neck-and-neck with their increasing isolation and deepening crises. Crashes between various Maoist groups include killing one another. The ruling quarters, the CIA and the National Intelligence Organisation (MİT) support the Maoists politically and materially, secretly and openly. The Maoists stand side by side with imperialists and fascists, the main enemies of our people.

The TKP is fighting for the strengthening of world peace which the American imperialists and Peking expansionists are trying to sabotage, for the banning of the neutron bomb, disarmament, the removal of all manner of nuclear weapons from our region and our soil. It fights with all its might for the withdrawal of Turkey from NATO, the dismantling of the American bases, and, the establishment of relations of friendship and cooperation with all

neighbouring countries, the Soviet Union first and foremost. The TKP is waging a relentless struggle against imperialism, the collaborating, reactionary, fascist forces and the Peking hegemonists and their extensions in our country. It calls all organisations and forces on the side of peace, national independence and democracy to unity of action and unity in a front in this struggle.

25 September 1978

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE EXECUTIVE OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF WEST BERLIN

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of all communists and working people of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey vehemently protests the anti-democratic repressive measures being taken against members of your party and the democratic forces of West Berlin.

The unlawful 12th of September court decision to deprive Hans Apel, a member of your party and a teacher, of his right to work is a concrete example of how the ruling quarters are trampling on freedom of conscience and basic human rights in West Berlin. Foisting the burden of the capitalist crisis onto the backs of the workers and labouring people, while even more mercilessly exploiting the immigrant workers, the big monopolies and their political representatives are also intensifying their attacks on the democratic rights of the people of West Berlin. These repressions are aimed first and foremost against the Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin, which is defending the democratic and social interests of the working people and is striving to realise the unity of action of the working class and cooperation of all democratic, anti-monopoly, anti-fascist forces in the struggle for peace, democracy and socialism.

The Communist Party of Turkey is using all the means at its disposal to inform public opinion in Turkey about this situation. The TKP is in complete solidarity with the just struggle of the SUPWB and with the democratic forces of West Berlin.

With communist greetings,

29 September 1978

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of all communists, and the working class and working people of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey sends revolutionary greetings of struggle to the German Communist Party on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its founding.

The German Communist Party is keeping alive and continuing the battle traditions of the revolutionary German workers' movement on Federal German soil. It is applying the revolutionary teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin to the contemporary conditions of Federal Germany. It is exerting all its might in the confrontation with resurgence of reaction, of old and new fascists. It is fighting against oppression and exploitation by the monopolies, to protect and further expand the democratic and social rights and gains of the working class and working people. It is joining this struggle with the struggle for democratic transformation and social progress, the struggle to break the rule of the monopolies and open the road to socialism. The German Communist Party is fighting for peace, international detente and security, and to end the arms race. It is fighting against the revival of the "cold war" and for the national interests of the Federal German people. The DKP raises high the banner of proletarian internationalism. It unshakingly upholds friendship with the country of Lenin – the Soviet Union – and the revolutionary unity of the world communist movement. It is fighting for the common interests and unity of action of workers of various nationalities living in Federal Germany. It is concretely and actively applying internationalist solidarity. The DKP has today become a real political force, respected by its friends and feared by the bourgeoisie. The fraternal bonds of struggle between the TKP and the DKP are daily strengthening and developing. The TKP is in complete solidarity with the difficult struggle of the DKP for peace, democracy and socialism.

Long live the 10th anniversary of struggle of the revolutionary party of the Federal German working class – the DKP!

25 September 1978

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO COMRADE KNUTSEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF NORWAY

Dear Comrade M.G. Knutsen!

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and of myself, I sincerely congratulate you on the occasion of your 60th birthday and convey our revolutionary greetings of struggle.

For many years you fought undaunted against the fascist invaders, against imperialism and for the interests of the working class and people of

Norway. You remained unwaveringly faithful to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. You are actively fighting to further strengthen the Communist Party of Norway, led by yourself, in the struggle for peace, democracy and socialism.

We wish you renewed successes health in your responsible duty and struggle.

With communist greetings,
İ. Bilen,
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

29 September 1978

TO THE IIIIRD CONGRESS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of all communists and working people of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the IIIrd Congress of the Socialist Party of Australia and wishes it success in its work.

Your party is fighting against the rule of the monopolies and enemy-of-the-people policy of the extreme right-wing government in your country, for the interests of the working class and entire working people. It is working to establish the unity of all democratic and progressive forces, for peace, democracy and social progress.

The Communist Party of Turkey is in complete solidarity with this just struggle of the Socialist Party of Australia. It is fraternally bound to your party on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

We wish you renewed successes in your 111th Party Congress and in the struggle ahead.

With communist greetings,
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

29 September 1978

THE WARSAW CONFERENCE

At the end of September, an international scientific conference was held in Warsaw on the further development of democracy and the broader realisation of human rights in the socialist social system. Present at the conference were delegates from the communist and workers' parties of 11 socialist countries and from the journal, "Problems of Peace and Socialism". The three-man delegation from the "Problems of Peace and Socialism", included Kemal Kervan, the representative of the Communist Party of Turkey on the journal. The representative of the TKP, Kemal Kervan, made a speech on behalf of "Problems of Peace and Socialism". In his speech, which appeared in the 1

October edition of the newspaper, "Trybuna Ludu", Kemal Kervan said that imperialism is conducting a demagogic campaign against the socialist countries in order to undermine the gains of socialist democracy and the superior achievements of the socialist countries and to cover up its own enemy-of-the-people policies. He said that in Turkey, a member of NATO, human rights were being crudely trampled underfoot. K. Kervan pointed out that Turkey is the only country in Europe where the communist party is banned, and stated that the directors of the journal "Ürün", who lawfully published the Programme of the Communist Party of Turkey, were being tried under the fascist articles 141 and 142. K. Kervan explained that the TKP is continuously strengthening and that it is struggling to unite all progressive, democratic forces in the struggle against imperialism, the fascist danger, the monopolies and the agents of the Peking leadership. Kervan voiced opposition to all forms of anti-Sovietism and expressed the great importance attached by the TKP to solidarity between the fraternal parties.

SOLIDARITY WITH THE TKP AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES

The solidarity of the fraternal communist and workers' parties and of the democratic forces of many countries with the TKP and other democratic forces is continuously growing.

Andreas Fantis, Deputy General Secretary of the Central Committee of AKEL sent the following message to the Central Committee of the TKP:

To the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey

Dear Comrades,

The Central Committee of AKEL sends you warm, fraternal greetings and declares the solidarity of Cypriot communists with the progressive forces of Turkey, led by the TKP.

AKEL and the progressive people of Cyprus highly value the courageous and principled proletarian internationalist position adopted by your party on the Cyprus question in its most critical moments.

Our party, and the progressive forces of Cyprus led by our party, follow with profound interest and sympathy the struggle being waged by the working class and all progressive, democratic forces of Turkey led by the TKP. We are in complete solidarity with your struggle for the genuine independence and sovereignty of Turkey, dependent on American and NATO imperialists, and for the liberation of the people from exploitation and oppression by the imperialists and domestic monopolies and landlords.

We are outraged by the bloody attacks of the fascist groups and reactionary armed forces against the progressive people of Turkey.

We declare our solidarity with the progressive organisations under investigation for having demanded the legalisation of the TKP. We declare our solidarity with "Ürün" publishing house and its director, Ahmet Taştan, who is being tried under anachronistic and undemocratic laws.

We are in solidarity with the working class and progressive people of

Turkey struggling against open and concealed reaction. We are confident that this struggle will one day be victorious, to the advantage of peace and progress in Turkey, the Near East, the Mediterranean and in Europe.

With fraternal best wishes,
Andreas Fantis
Deputy General Secretary

Andreas Fanti, Deputy General Secretary of the AKEL CC, has also sent a message of solidarity to "Ürün" publishing house. The message reads: "The Central Committee of AKEL expresses its complete solidarity with you and all democratic forces in Turkey, and condemns the undemocratic prosecution being directed against your editor, Ahmet Taştan, on the basis of anachronistic and reactionary legislation".

Solidarity abroad

Our workers and their progressive, democratic organisations in Federal Germany and other West European countries, are actively participating in the campaign for "Freedom to the TKP!" and a halt to the trial of the "Ürün" publishers.

West Berlin

A "Committee of Solidarity with the Ürün Publishers" has been formed in West Berlin. The statement by the Solidarity Committee entitled "Stop the repressions against the democratic press!" stated (in summary):

"The directors of "Ürün" Publishing House are to be tried on the 17th of October at the 2nd Criminal Court in İstanbul, charged with publishing the Programme of the Communist Party of Turkey. We workers, students and intellectuals abroad announce the formation of the Committee of Solidarity with Ürün and our participation in this campaign. The Committee has launched a campaign to collect letters and signatures demanding a stop to this trial which are to be sent to the Prime Minister, parliamentarians and trial judges. Solidarity with Ürün is every citizen's duty. The trial of the Ürün publishers must be prevented".

The initiative of the Turkish Peace and Freedom Committee

The Turkish Peace and Freedom Committee (TBÖK) has written to the Council of Europe, informing them of the repressions against the progressive, democratic press in Turkey, the trial of the Ürün publishers for publishing the TKP Programme, and the continuous rise of fascist attacks, and has asked the Council of Europe to take a stand on these issues.

Britain

The democratic forces in Britain are expressing their solidarity with the

Ürün publishers in a number of ways. A delegation representing British public opinion will leave for İstanbul on the 14th of October to be present at the trial. In addition, the organisation in London of AKEL has declared its solidarity with the "Ürün" publishers and communists of Turkey.

Council of Europe parliamentarians demand freedom to the TKP

Nine communist parliamentarians of the Council of Europe, which meets in Strasbourg, France, have issued a statement condemning the ban on the right of the TKP to function legally. The deputies, belonging to the Communist Parties of France, Italy, Portugal and Spain, emphasised that the 56 year-long ban on the TKP is counter to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act and the European Declaration on Human Rights. The representatives of the PCP, PCF, PCI, and PCE denounced the trial of Ürün's managing editor for publishing the TKP's Programme for advanced democracy and the intensifying pressures on democratic organisations. The press reports that in recent days the streets of Strasbourg have been covered with slogans and posters demanding freedom to the TKP.

AMERICAN BASES IN TURKEY AND TURKEY'S MILITARY EXPENDITURE

The Cabinet has approved the National Security Council decision to reopen the American bases. Thus, the American bases have been made officially operative on a "provisional status". The treaty on military cooperation between Turkey and the US has been rendered void because neither parliament approved it. Democratic quarters are branding as unconstitutional the governments' decision to reoperate the bases on a "provisional status". The TKP is pointing out that all the American bases constitute a great threat to our national independence and to peace and security, and is demanding the confiscation of these bases of aggression.

Turkey has the highest number of American bases of any country in the Mediterranean region. Official figures put these at 61. The press, on the other hand, discloses a figure of over 100. These bases of aggression fall into seven categories: Intelligence and monitoring; air bases; installations connected to the US communications network; ports, munitions and fuel depots for the Sixth Fleet; TUSLOG (logistics) installations; nuclear weapon (atom and hydrogen bomb) stockpiles; and radar stations.

These bases of aggression and nuclear stockpiles on our soil are the greatest threat to our people, to peace and to friendship and cooperation with our neighbours. Such a policy is dragging Turkey into an ever-increasing monstrous rearmament.

Who shoulders the burden of rearmament?

The answer to this question is clear. The heavy burden of rearmament is

shouldered by our people, by the working masses. In its 28 October broadcast, "Voice of the TKP" radio commented:

"The longstanding policy of dependence on imperialism and NATO pursued by the bourgeoisie has proved very costly for our people. And here are the examples: According to the disclosures of the International Institute of Strategic Studies in London, Turkey is the biggest NATO arms spender in the interests of the American imperialists. In the period 1960-1970, Turkey's military expenditures rose by 10 per cent. In the period 1971-1977, this figure rose to 33 per cent. Turkey again heads the list of NATO members in terms of the proportion that military spending takes of total government spending: 25 per cent. Turkey maintains the largest standing army in NATO. Among all the NATO countries, Turkey ranks second only to Greece in terms of the increase in the number of soldiers under arms since 1974. In the period 1975-1977, Turkey allocated 6.7 per cent of its Gross National Product to armament, while the comparable figure for Italy was 2.5 per cent".

What has been the outcome of this heavy burden of rearmament? The same commentary says: "Turkey's foreign debts exceed 15 billion dollars. Turkey heads the field in Europe for unemployment. Official statistics place the total of unemployed and those unable to find work at 5 million 71 thousand. According to OECD figures, Turkey has the highest rate of taxation on earnings. 39 per cent of workers' earnings are deducted as tax in our country. These taxes, cut from the labourers' daily bread, flow into the coffers of the arms monopolies. 13 million people are illiterate. 3 million children of school age are denied the opportunity to study. Every year 100 thousand children die of measles. Who profits from all these rearmament plans and increases in military spending? First and foremost, the American imperialists, arms monopolies and their domestic collaborators. For example, 100 large companies which increased their sales by 9 per cent in the period 1976-1977, also increased their profits by exactly 72 per cent in the same period.

The burden of rearmament is shouldered by the labouring masses.

THE TERROR IN FIGURES

The sanguinary terror and repression conducted by internal reaction supported by imperialism and NATO is intensifying. The attacks and provocations by fascist commandos and Maoist fascists against progressive forces, organisations and individuals continue.

In the second half of September too, members of many democratic organisations and principally of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD) became targets of attacks by fascist commandos and Maoists. Following the murder of İGD member and Pertevnihal High School student Aytekin Taş in İstanbul, Hüseyin Güzel, president of the Adana branch of the İGD, was gunned down by fascists on the 1st of October.

The run-down of the terror in the first nine months of 1978, based on a scan of the newspapers "Cumhuriyet" and "Politika", is as follows:

Month	number of attacks	deaths	wounded
January	233	38	218
February	221	26	73
March	233	32	231
April	281	35	266
May	317	48	441
June	263	46	215
July	253	48	175
August	320	72	372
September	281	104	361
Total	2402	449	2307

On the other hand, the run-down which appeared in the 1 October edition of the reactionary "Tercüman" reveals that the terror has reached even greater proportions. The number and composition of the victims of nine months of terror according to "Tercüman" are as follows:

Students	215
Workers	101
Teachers	30
Other	361
Total	707