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THE KAHRAMANMARAŞ MASSACRE AND MARTIAL LAW

As the result of a joint provocation by fascists belonging to the Nationalist Action Party (NAP), attackers belonging to the Justice Party (JP) and Maoists, a massacre was started in Kahramanmaraş on 23 December. The bloody events lasted for four days. According to official statements, the bloody assaults by fascist murderers who gave no quarter to children, women and aged, resulted in 104 deaths and the wounding of 1500 of our fellow-citizens. According to the press, however, these figures exceed 200 and 2500 respectively. Buildings of progressive, democratic organisations, and the houses of those people known to be patriots were burnt down, looted. Houses and shops bearing the emblem of the NAP and the JP were not touched.

Following the massacre in Kahramanmaraş, the government declared martial law in 13 provinces. The provinces where martial law was declared are as follows: İstanbul, Ankara, Adana, Bingöl, Elazığ, Erzurum, Erzincan, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Kars, Malatya, Sivas and Urfa. In addition, Martial Law Courts were set up in 6 provinces. The provinces where Martial Law Courts were set up are as follows: İstanbul, Adana, Ankara, Erzurum, Elazığ, Erzincan.

While Prime Minister Ecevit declared martial law necessary "To defend democratic rights and freedoms", statements issued by the Martial Law Headquarters banned all political activities and closed down democratic organisations. Above all, they made workers' strikes dependent on the permission of martial law commanders.

The reactionary-fascist parties (JP, NAP, etc.) declared that they would support martial law in all its anti-communist applications. The pro-Peking Turkish Workers'-Peasants' Party took the same decision. In opposition to this, the TKP, the socialist parties, the Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions (DİSK), and 63 MP's from the Republican People's Party opposed the declaration of martial law.

Comrade İ. Bilen, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the TKP, made a speech on the "Voice of the TKP" Radio on the Kahramanmaraş events. The TKP Central Committee published an Appeal on the recent developments.

COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE TKP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE VOICE OF THE TKP RADIO ON THE EVENTS IN KAHRAMANMARAŞ

Questions: Comrade Bilen, bloody events are taking place in Kahramanmaraş. How does the TKP evaluate this situation?

Answer: The Kahramanmaraş events are the bloodiest link to date in the chain of fascist terror being escalated for months. Nearly 100 of our countrymen have lost their lives, over 1000 of our countrymen have been wounded. Buildings belonging to democratic organisations and parties have been burnt down, their shops have been looted. The people of Turkey are faced with a barbarous instance of burning and looting.

This bloody event lays before all eyes what the fascists will do when they come to power in our motherland. Prime Minister Ecevit referred to the Indonesia massacre while speaking on the Maraş events. But he did not say what action would be taken. The government is reluctant to identify the attacker by name. In parliament, the reactionary and fascist parties are distorting the event and coming out in support of the massacre. The bourgeois press is striving to hide the events behind a smoke-screen with a clamour about "Sünni-Alevi" clashes and "anarchy". All this is aimed at suppressing the struggle of our working class and people, all national democratic forces. But those responsible, the guilty, the provocateurs and attackers are plain to see: American imperialism, the collaborating bourgeoisie, and the reactionary-fascist forces supported by them.

American imperialism is fanning with all means at its disposal the provocations which have reached civil-war proportions in Turkey. Behind the events in Kahramanmaraş lies the hand of the CIA. The Voice of America radio is taking advantage of these events to strengthen the Demirel-Türkeş clique.

These efforts by American imperialism are related to its policy of increasing tension on a world scale, and of adapting itself to the new situation brought about by the weakening of the Middle East, particularly of CENTO, and the popular uprising in Iran.

The imperialists do not want a Turkey which maintains good-neighbourly and friendly relations with the Soviet Union. For this reason they are inciting all the reactionary, fascist and Maoist counter-revolutionaries against our people. The perpetrators of the Maraş massacre are none other than those who spilled blood in Sivas, Malatya and Elazığ, and on May Day 1977.

Demirel, Türkeş, Erbakan, Feyzioğlu and spokesmen of the Maoist party all spoke on the Kahramanmaraş events. They give themselves away in their speeches. They are after the overthrow of the government through terrorism and its replacement by a more reactionary government. Some of them call for an open fascist dictatorship. Others mention what would be a step towards this, a Justice Party-Republican People's Party coalition. Their true objective is to crush the workers' movement, the national and social liberation struggle, to crush the TKP, fighting in the front ranks of this struggle, the socialists and the left wing of the Republican People's Party (RPP). Through terror, they hope to have the government pass reactionary laws in parliament.

Among those responsible for the bloody pogroms conducted against our people by the imperialist secret services and reactionary, fascist and Maoist forces are the right-wing leaders of the RPP, who are dominant in the government. The government is giving the fascists heart by not moving against them. In his policy to date, the Minister for the Interior, Özyaydnlı, has taken advantage of the fascist escalation to exert pressure on communists, socialists and even the left-wing of his own party. This Minister of the Interior has used the police illegally, has given orders to the effect that "If you catch one from the right, catch a few from the left". With such a Minister of the Interior, the fascist terror cannot be prevented.

The Maraş massacre must be an urgent warning to the national democratic forces. The fascist terror incited by imperialism and the collaborating bourgeoisie is marching against the people with blood and bullets. There cannot be disorganisation in the face of this. To shun unity of action is impermissible. The RPP leaders' policy of distancing themselves from the forces of democracy they term "the left outside ourselves", has not produced the results they expected. The fascist belligerents have not become pacified. The attacks are assuming more bloody dimensions with every passing day. The policy of the socialist parties of shunning unity of action with the TKP has brought them nothing but difficulties, weakness in the face of the fascist attacks. In this situation, it is necessary to take resolute steps, without delay, towards the unity of action and front of all national democratic forces.

The TKP has and will continue to exert all its strength for joint progress on this road. The history of the working class struggle is full of bitter examples of defeat and ruin caused by those – social democrats, socialists – who turned a deaf ear to the calls of communists for unity of action and unity front in such situations. No one can absolve them of historic responsibility for this. The time has come to overcome prejudices. We repeat: our party is prepared to meet on a common platform, overcoming all legal obstacles, every progressive organisation which declares itself prepared to engage in unity of action with the communists.

The Kahramanmaraş events confirm the urgency and pressing nature of the task of ensuring security of life and defending all positions and cadres against fascist attack, as earlier put forward by the TKP in a Central Committee statement. It is possible to defeat the bloody terror by organising in mass committees, by unity of action, demonstrations and mass actions.

The working class is leading this struggle. The communists are proving this every day with their heroic deeds. The way to prevent Indonesia-type massacres and Chile-type fascist coups in our country is through struggle, through united action.

Türkeş, who is inciting a coup and civil war, must be arrested! Demirel must be brought to account! The NAP and all fascist organisations must be closed!

CALL OF THE TKP CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie has once again employed the militarist clique against the people with martial law. This event shows that the crises have further deepened in the country, that the contradictions between labour and capital, between imperialism and the collaborating bourgeoisie on the one hand, and the people on the other hand, have intensified, that the bourgeoisie's internal contradictions have mounted and that the ruling forces can no longer maintain their rule simply by parliamentary methods.

Martial law has further increased the danger of fascism and has brought the country to the brink of a military dictatorship. Thus, an arm of the reactionary fascist forces is directly sharing power with the government. There are NAP supporters among the martial law commanders. Parliament has lost its already limited influence to a great extent. By declaring martial law, the right-

wing Republican People's Party (RPP) government is bowing to the impositions of imperialist circles, the Justice Party, the fascist Nationalist Action Party and reaction. The true aim of martial law is to foist the burden of the capitalist crisis onto the backs of the labouring masses, to halt the developing workers' movement and the struggle for national independence and democracy. Its aim is to sabotage the process of peace and detente and the development of friendly relations between Turkey and the socialist countries, to strengthen the weakening positions of imperialism, NATO and CENTO in our region. Martial law is directed against our people. It is directed principally against the working class, communists, socialists, social-democrats, the left wing of the RPP and Kurdish democrats.

The Ankara meeting of NATO and CENTO General Secretaries in mid-November to discuss the events in Iran and developments in Turkey, the militarist propaganda that has been conducted for some time in the bourgeois press, the appeals to the top army leadership by spokesmen of the reactionary-fascist parties, show that a planned preparation for martial law took place. The expanded scale of the fascist terror, the mounting provocations by pro-Peking and other Maoist groups, the civil war dimensions assumed by the fascist terror with the barbarously executed Maraş massacre – are all part of the plan to impose martial law. The policy followed by the right-wing RPP leadership is responsible for bringing Turkey to martial law – imperialism, the reactionary quarters, have taken advantage of this policy to impose martial law.

The government could not overcome the capitalist crisis with its economic policy in the interests of imperialist monopolies and the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie. It attempted to foist the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the working people with a policy of class collaborationism. When it failed to break the resistance of the working class, it resorted to pressure against and attempts to split the class trade unions. Its policy of being against both right and left, of not moving against the fascist centres, of not purging the army, police and National Intelligence Organisation of fascists aggravated the fascist terror. This policy of the government gradually became directed towards keeping all progressive forces under pressure. In the face of the widening demand for freedom to the TKP, it intensified anti-communism. Moreover, it prepared new anti-democratic laws. The RPP right wing, which from the outset shunned collaboration with the national democratic forces and took a hostile attitude to these efforts, made constant concessions to the fascist forces. The government began to practice the very opposite of what it had promised the people and its internal policy became completely bankrupt.

Conciliating domestic reaction and insisting on a pro-NATO policy, the government bowed to the imperialist pressures against its foreign policy, which it termed "many-sided". As a result, it reactivated the American bases which proceeded to intensify their work. It approved NATO's arms policy. It promised to open a new NATO espionage base.

In imposing martial law, the ruling forces took advantage of the fact that the unity in a front of national democratic forces – as constantly upheld by the TKP – had not materialised. They also used the individual terrorism of adventurist tendencies as a pretext. The bankruptcy of the policy of the top RPP leadership has once again confirmed the necessity of pursuing a clear

and resolute anti-imperialist, anti-fascist and anti-monopoly policy in order to overcome the crises, stop the terror and ensure national independence, peace and security. Only the revolutionary power of the people, an advanced democratic government dominated by the working class, can rescue the country from the crisis.

The government is defending martial law on the grounds of protecting freedoms. Just as it used the fascist escalation to act against the progressive forces, it now expects the same from martial law. But just as failing to move against the fascist centres increased the terror, turning a blind eye to martial law pressures against the progressive forces will strengthen the reactionary-fascist forces which want to overthrow the government. Government insistence on this policy will aid those quarters seeking to pass to a fascist dictatorship.

The threat is not invincible. There exist forces capable of halting the fascist escalation, defeating this danger. Trade unions affiliated to DISK and Türk-İş, progressive parties and organisations, parliamentarians are coming out against martial law. Opposition is growing within the ranks of the army and among the people. In this situation, unity of action around urgent demands on the part of the TKP, the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP), the Socialist Workers' Party of Turkey (TSIP), socialists, social-democrats, the RPP left wing, Kurdish democrats, trade unions, all democratic mass organisations, progressive and democratic youth organisations, patriotic forces within the army – all who are opposed to martial law, the curtailment of democratic freedoms, violation of human rights, sectarian strife, and racist, chauvinist pressures, is an urgent duty. Martial law must be lifted. The Nationalist Action Party and all fascist organisations must be closed. Türkeş must be arrested and made to account for the bloody massacres. Under present conditions, excuses against unity of action greatly damage the struggle for democracy.

All democratic forces must actively and jointly defend even the smallest democratic positions and gains to the very end. They must jointly work out and put into practice every form and method of action demanded by the situation, without panicking, without falling into adventurism. The question of protecting the lives of the people and progressive cadres is on the agenda in all its urgency. The communists are marching and will continue to march at the head of the popular resistance. No pressures will stop our working class and our people's struggle for national independence, peace, democracy and socialism.

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

28 December 1978

The inspiration of living socialism

At the international theoretical conference on "The building of socialism and communism and developments in the world, held in Sofia, recently, the head of the delegation from Turkey, Comrade İ. Bilen, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, answered the questions of the representative of the Bulgarian Communist Party Central

Committee organ "Rabotnichesko Delo":

Questions: What are your views on the international theoretical conference?

Answer: In the conditions of our day, this international theoretical conference, organised by the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party together with the journal "Problems of Peace and Socialism", has an immense political significance. In the first place, this conference is meeting at a time when the expansionist imperialist quarters and it showed that allegiance to the principles of proletarian internationalism is an invincible force in the struggle for peace, socialism, national independence and socialism. It resolutely stressed the inseparability of revolutionary theory and revolutionary practice. The opening speech by Comrade Todor Zhivkov, the wide-ranging speech by Comrade Boris Ponomarev, and the contributions of many other comrades were concrete examples of this truth. The coming together of the representatives of 73 fraternal parties at such a high level shows that the conference was timely and necessary. The fact that this conference is being held in Bulgaria, a bastion of the socialist world system in the Balkans and a pillar of peace and security in our region, has an additional significance for our peoples.

NATO ruling forces, hand in hand with the Peking hegemonists, are intensifying their attacks against the process of peace and detente, against the mainspring of this process, the Soviet Union, and the world socialist system, against the world communist movement and national liberation movement. Also, there are those who deny the leading role of the world socialist system in determining the fate of mankind and in the struggle to ensure peace, and security and disarmament. These persons are serving the anti-Soviet, anti-communist campaigns of imperialism.

This forum of the world communist and workers' parties gave the necessary reply to imperialism and the reactionary trends which it makes use of for its aggressive designs. It proved the correctness and vitality of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, a most potent weapon in the hands of the communist parties, with examples from life and from battle experiences.

Question: What, in your opinion, is the importance of real socialism in the development of the anti-imperialist struggle in the world?

Answer: The decisive force of the struggle waged by the world revolutionary forces against imperialism is the country of the great Lenin, the Soviet Union, and the world socialist system. World development in our day no longer depends on the imperialists. With the strengthening of the socialist countries, with the consolidation of their unity, the world revolutionary movement, the workers', communist and national liberation movements are rising, strengthening. The revolutionary developments today in Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Democratic Yemen derive their strength from these sources. In our region and in the capitalist world also, the source of strength of the struggle against imperialism, reaction and exploitation, for national independence, democracy and socialism lies here.

The great successes scored by our nearest neighbours, the Soviet Union and Bulgaria, and by the other socialist countries on the path of socialism and communism, inspire the entire world working class, broad working masses and all progressive forces in the struggle for national and social liberation. This

historic reality is valid for the working class of all capitalist countries and peoples under imperialist domination.

For all these reasons, the slanderous campaigns being waged against the Soviet Union and the socialist countries, against real socialism, under the guise of "human rights", under the guise of "criticism", are directed against the common struggle of anti-imperialist forces. For our party, defence of the socialist world system is inseparable from the struggle of our own people for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

Question: Speeches at the conference, stressed the necessity of unity of communists, the working class in the common struggle against imperialism, reaction and the last remnants of colonialism. What can you tell us about the unity of the separate detachments of the revolutionary movement in the different countries of the world?

Answer: The need for the world communist parties to strengthen their fighting unity in our day, emerged at this international forum, once again, clearly and concretely. There is another fact. Among all the parties attending the conference, most are legal, some are semi-legal or illegal. Some are in parliament, others are not. Some are in power. Some are fighting to destroy the remaining strongholds of capitalism, others are fighting to build socialism and communism. The conditions of the countries they are fighting in are diverse. Their roads of struggle, forms and methods of struggle vary. But the aim towards which they are fighting, socialism, is one: existing, real socialism, founded according to the universal laws of Marxism-Leninism. Models of the type of "Eurocommunism" based on regional characteristics, sew nothing but to confuse the working class and give heart to the class enemy. In the speeches the overwhelming majority stressed this truth.

The conference once again reasserted the need to defend proletarian internationalism, these Leninist principles, like the apple of one's eye.

We would like to extend, through "Rabotnichesko Delo, the most sincere greetings of the communists of Turkey and our people, to the people of neighbouring Bulgaria.

THE 28 DECEMBER HEARING AND SOLIDARITY WITH ÜRÜN

The first hearing in the trial of Ahmet Taştan, the managing editor of "Ürün" publishers, for having legally published the TKP Programme, was held in İstanbul's Second Criminal Court on the 28th of December. The court decided to postpone the trial to 26 January, and to appeal to the martial law courts. The aim is to hand the trial of the legal publication of the Programme over to the martial law. This attempt confirms once again the fact that one of the duties of the martial law courts is to strangle freedom of thought.

Solidarity in Cuba: The 13 December issue of "Granma", the organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, carried an article, entitled "The case of the Turkish publisher, Ahmet Taştan". The article describes the trial of Ahmet Taştan, the publisher of the TKP Programme, and gives information about the Programme itself. The article goes on to tell

of the fascist terror in Turkey and the assassination of Ali İhsan Özgür, editor of the newspaper Politika, as well as the internal solidarity with the TKP.

Solidarity in the USA: The "Daily World", organ of the Communist Party of the USA, carried an article entitled "Turkish right moving into action against democratic forces". The article explained the "Ürün" trial, fascist articles 141 and 142, the schemes of American imperialism in Turkey, and international solidarity with "Ürün" and the TKP. It called on American democrats to protest against the "Ürün" trial and the ban on the TKP.

In West Germany, West Berlin, France, Portugal, Italy, Belgium, Cyprus, and many other countries of Western Europe, there were mounting protests against the trial of "Ürün" publishers for having legally published the TKP Programme. These protests were voiced by Swedish democratic public opinion as well. The Left Party of Swedish Communists submitted a motion to the Foreign Minister in the parliament, demanding that he open a discussion of the "Ürün" trial during Prime Minister Ecevit's visit to Sweden. An article published in the organ of the Swedish Communist Workers' Party stated that the trial of Ahmet Taştan is part of the repressive measures being taken against the progressive forces and democratic press in Turkey. The article includes information on the struggle of the TKP, emphasising that 56 years of terror and illegality could not break the TKP's ties with the masses. In a letter sent to Prime Minister Ecevit, the Union of Turkish Progressives in Sweden demanded an end to such anti-democratic measures. The French Socialist Party condemned the trial of the "Ürün" publishers for having published the TKP Programme. The French Association of Democratic Lawyers made an appeal for solidarity with the "Ürün" journal. The French Socialist Party declared its support for this appeal. The Left Radicals in France declared they would support every attempt to repeal articles 141 and 142. In a letter sent to Prime Minister Ecevit, the Union of French lawyers also demanded the repeal of articles 141 and 142.

**TO COMRADE FIDEL CASTRO RUZ,
FIRST SECRETARY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA**

Esteemed Comrade Fidel Castro,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, on behalf of all the communists and working people of Turkey, sends its militant revolutionary greetings to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, to all the communists and people of Cuba, to you, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the National Liberation of Cuba. It sincerely celebrates this important anniversary.

The Cuban revolutionaries who overthrew the bloody regime of Batista, concluded with victory the first anti-imperialist, democratic people's revolution on the threshold of American imperialism, on the American continent. They opened the way to socialism in this hemisphere of the world. The Cuban

people self-sacrificingly defended the gains of the revolution against the attacks and pressures of American imperialism. Socialist construction is developing, rising on the basis of these victorious struggles, and under the leadership of the glorious Communist Party of Cuba. The people of Cuba are putting into practice the resolutions of the First Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba.

Revolutionary Cuba, which has unbreakable ties with the Soviet Union, the land of Lenin, and with all the socialist countries, is making valuable contributions to the strengthening of socialism on a world scale, and to the victory of the struggles of the peoples for national independence and freedom. Socialist Cuba's prestige and important position in the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries are rising day by day.

The great successes of the Cuban people in the construction of socialism, their attitude based on the principles of proletarian internationalism, their revolutionary solidarity, are contributing to the struggle of the working class of Turkey and our people. The development of militant fraternal relations between the TKP and the Communist Party of Cuba, relations based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, is a source of strength for all revolutionaries fighting for national independence, democracy, peace and socialism. The TKP regards it as correct to strengthen further these relations which are in the interests of our people and to the benefit of the process of social progress.

I wish the communists and the people of Cuba, and you, esteemed comrade Fidel Castro, new and great successes in your struggle and work, good health and happiness.

With communist greetings,

İ. Bilen

General Secretary, Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

31 December 1978

**TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY**

Esteemed Comrades,

On behalf of all the communists of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey warmly congratulates the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Poland and the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Polish United Workers' Party, and sends its militant revolutionary greetings.

The Communist Party of Poland, which was founded under the influence of the Great October Revolution, led the working class and people of Poland in their struggle against the bourgeoisie and the landowners. The people of Poland established socialism under the leadership of the Polish United Workers' Party. The socialist state of Poland is making important contributions to the strengthening of peace and socialism in the world.

The Communist Party of Turkey is bound to the Polish United Workers'

Party on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. The Central Committee of the TKP wishes the communists of Poland new successes in the construction of a developed socialist society.

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

22 December 1978

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF GERMANY

Esteemed Comrades,

On behalf of the working class and working people of Turkey, the Communist Party of Turkey conveys its fraternal militant greetings to the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the communists and people of the German Democratic Republic, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Socialist Party of Germany. We warmly congratulate this historic anniversary.

The Communist Party of Germany was born under the influence of the Great October Socialist Revolution, in the flames, the struggles of the November uprising. The Leninist party of the Liebknechts and Thalmanns became steeled in hard class battles, became sharpened against opportunism. As the revolutionary vanguard of the German proletariat, it fought with self-sacrifice and heroism against Hitler fascism, the bloody terror and the imperialist war, under the most difficult, illegal conditions.

After the defeat of fascism, working class unity was realised in the Eastern part of Germany, due to the initiative of the German communists. Under the leadership of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the working class and working people carried out the socialist revolution and anti-fascist, democratic transformations. They put into life the revolutionary programme of the German Communist Party with the dictatorship of the proletariat. They founded and strengthened the German Democratic Republic, the first worker-peasant state on German soil.

Under the leadership of the SUPG, the people of the GDR are striving to carry out the resolutions of its 9th Congress, to advance in the establishment of a developed socialist society. They are preparing to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the GDR with new actions of construction.

The Socialist Unity Party of Germany is vigorously upholding the Marxist-Leninist traditions of the Communist Party of Germany, the principle of friendship with the Soviet Union. It is raising high the banner of proletarian internationalism, which the German proletariat has never let fall from its hands. It is struggling with all its might to strengthen the revolutionary unity of the international workers' and communist movement.

The Communist Party of Turkey wishes the fraternal Socialist Unity

Party of Germany new and great successes in the construction of socialism and communism, and in the struggle for the strengthening of world peace and socialism.

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

31 December 1978

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey conveys its militant revolutionary greetings to the fraternal German Communist Party on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of its founding, on behalf of all communists and the people of Turkey.

The German Communist Party, which leapt into struggle under the influence of Great October and the flames of the November uprising, led the German proletariat to the Leninist path of struggle irreconcilable with opportunism.

The German communists gave examples of great self-sacrifice and heroism in the struggle against the forces of reaction, against the bloody terror of Hitler fascism, and imperialist war.

After the defeat of fascism, they struggled relentlessly against monopoly domination of the western part of Germany, against revanchism and the cold war. They continued this struggle under illegal conditions after the anti-democratic banning of the Communist Party of Germany, a ban which is still being applied.

In our day, the German Communist Party is maintaining and upholding these militant revolutionary traditions on Federal Germany land. It is applying with creativity the revolutionary teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin. It is struggling to preserve and extend the democratic and social rights of the working class and working people. It is linking this struggle with the struggle for democratic transformations and social progress, for socialism. The German Communist Party is raising high the banner of proletarian internationalism. It is defending the common interests of the working class, and striving for unity of action of the workers, both domestic and immigrant, including those from Turkey. While waging a struggle for peace and disarmament, and for the national interests of the people, it is also defending friendship with the land of Lenin, the Soviet Union, and the revolutionary unity of the world communist movement.

The TKP has unbreakable, militant fraternal ties with the German Communist Party, and is in full solidarity with its just struggle. The Central Committee of the TKP wishes all the communists of Federal Germany new

and great successes in their struggle for peace, democracy and socialism.

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

31 December 1978

**TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF WEST BERLIN**

Esteemed Comrades,

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Germany, the Communist Party of Turkey expresses its militant revolutionary greetings to, and solidarity with, the Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin.

With the founding of the Communist Party of Germany, the German proletariat gained a Marxist-Leninist weapon of struggle. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of Germany, it fought against reaction, Hitler fascism and imperialist war. It waged this struggle under the most difficult conditions, with self-sacrifice and heroism, making no concession to opportunism.

After the defeat of fascism, the communists in the western part of Berlin waged a persistent struggle against imperialism, the cold-war, rabid anti-Sovietism and anti-communism. They continuously defended, and are defending today, the principles of peaceful coexistence, and the democratic and social rights of the working people.

The Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin is leading the struggle of the working class against oppression and exploitation by the monopolies, for peace, democracy and social progress. It is striving to establish the unity of the working class, and for the militant unity of the domestic and immigrant workers, including those from Turkey.

The Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin is defending with all its might the militant revolutionary traditions of the German proletariat, the principles of Marxism-Leninism, friendship with the Soviet Union and with the world socialist system, and proletarian internationalism.

The TKP wishes all the communists of West Berlin new successes in their struggles.

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

31 December 1978