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MAY DAY SLOGANS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

- Proletarians of all countries, unite!
- Long live May Day – day of struggle, unity and solidarity of the world working class.
- We must withdraw from NATO, the enslaving bilateral agreements with imperialism must be torn up, the US bases must be dismantled! Fight for national independence!
- No to the new military blocs, new espionage bases and armaments imposed by American imperialism.
- Fight for economic independence against the neo-colonialist yoke of imperialism and the impositions of the imperialist monopolies and monetary funds!
- Fascism shall not pass!
- Martial Law must be lifted! The fascist Nationalist Action Party (NAP) and all its allied organisations must be banned! The state apparatus must be purged of fascists!
- Fight against the attacks and provocations of the fascist commandos and Maoist greywolves!
- The heroic sons of the people martyred in the struggle for national independence and democracy are with us on May Day !
- Fascist articles 141-142 must be repealed! Anti-communist prosecutions must be halted!
- Freedom to the democratic press! The ban on publications must be lifted.
- Freedom to the Communist Party of Turkey!
- End the pressures against the socialist parties, democratic organisations and trade unions!
- End national oppression! Equality of rights for the Kurdish people and national minorities! The right of nations to freely determine their destiny!
- Collective bargaining without martial law! Fight against dismissals from work! Fight the price increases and tax burdens!
- Let us tear up the "yellow conciliation" foisted on the working class by the monopolies and the government. No to self-sacrifice to save capitalism; yes to self-sacrifice for work, bread and freedom!
- Wages must be increased, working hours reduced, job security protected, accidents at work prevented against the ruthless exploitation of the monopolies. No speed, workers health must be protected! Fight for workers' control in production!
- Lock-outs must be outlawed; General strikes, solidarity and sympathy strikes must be legalised! Fight for the right of secret ballot, open count referenda!
- Let us smash the offensive against class trade unions! Let us consolidate unity on the basis of the principle of class and mass trade unionism, against yellow trade-unionism, class collaboration and trade union wrecking!

– Unity of action of all workers, irrespective of party, trade union, nationality, religion or sect, employed or unemployed, against capitalist exploitation, repressions and sackings! For the widest solidarity with every workers' action, every strike!

– Let us strengthen the internationalist solidarity of our workers abroad with the proletariat of those countries against the exploitation of the monopolies!

– For the unity of action by the TKP, Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) and Socialist Workers' Party of Turkey (TSİP), against the splitting of the working class!

– For the alliance of the workers and peasants in the fight against the landlords, monopolies, banks, usurers and middle-men! Land for the landless peasants! Forward for the anti-monopoly, anti-feudal mass organisation of peasants!

– The anti-imperialist, anti-fascist unity of struggle of the youth, the future of our people, must be further strengthened.

– Hail our women, fighting against exploitation, inequality and fascist attacks, for freedom and equality of rights!

– Trade union rights, including the right to go on strike and collective bargaining, for public employees!

– Patriotic soldiers, non-commissioned officers and officers! Your place is at the side of our people fighting for independence. The army must leave NATO command! The pressures against and degradation of soldiers and officers must be ended! For a national army and democracy in the barracks!

– No to the policy of compromise with imperialism and the monopolies, of martial law and austerity! Forward for unity of action and front of communists, socialists, social democrats, patriots and all popular forces against imperialist pressures, the fascist menace and the monopolies' assault on workers' wages and social rights!

– Communists, socialists, patriotic members of the Republican People's Party and Kurdish democrats! Strengthen unity of struggle to forge the national democratic front!

– The only way out of the crisis: an advanced democratic revolution which will grow into socialism!

– Long live the revolutionary vanguard of the proletariat of Turkey, the TKP! Long live the Leninist political, ideological and organisational unity of the TKP!

– Long live Marxism-Leninism!

– Struggle against anti-communism, anti-Sovietism, racism, chauvinism and right and "left" opportunism of all kinds!

– Fight for global peace, disarmament and detente!

– The political document signed with the Soviet Union must be applied! Friendly relations must be established with all socialist countries!

– Let the fraternity of the peoples of Turkey, Greece and Cyprus strengthen, for peace and security in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean!

– Long live the struggle of the people of Iran and of the Palestinian and all Arab peoples against imperialism, Zionism and reaction!

– Peking hegemonists, partners in crime of imperialism! Hands off Vietnam! Long live internationalist solidarity with the Vietnamese people!

– Hail the Soviet Union, centre of strength of the world revolutionary process, fortress of world peace and socialism! Hail the party of the great Lenin, the CPSU!

– Long live the world socialist system! Long live the world communist and workers' movement! Long live the national liberation movements!

– Long live proletarian internationalism!

1 April 1979

Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE THIRD CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATION OF TURKISH WORKERS IN FEDERAL GERMANY (FİDEF)

Esteemed friends,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey warmly greets the IIIrd Congress of FİDEF.

Our workers abroad are also a part of the working class of Turkey. They have emigrated to foreign countries because they were the victims of dependence on NATO and imperialism, because of unemployment and inability to make ends meet. They have been working for long years under the exploitation of imperialist monopolies. They are ill-treated and have few rights. The RPP-dominated government, like all governments before it, regards them only as a "foreign-exchange machine".

Our workers in Federal Germany are not and cannot be isolated from the political developments and events in our country. They are not divorced from the hard struggle of the working class and our people, fighting heroically against the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and the attacks and provocations of the fascist forces, for anti-imperialist, anti-fascist aims. The massive demonstrations against the fascist Türkeş's visit to Federal Germany, against asylum being granted there for escaped fascist murderers, and protest actions against the policy of martial law show this to be the case. FİDEF and organisations affiliated to FİDEF are playing an important role in preparing such actions and in developing solidarity with the democratic forces in Turkey.

Our workers living in Federal Germany are, for the duration of their residence there, also a part of the indigenous working class. In respect of this, they are taking their place alongside workers from other nationalities in the class struggles. Their active and mass participation in the great strike of the steelworkers against the West German steel monopolies, their strengthening of solidarity with this strike, is a concrete example of this. FİDEF carried out the duties which befell it in this solidarity with success.

The only political force in Federal Germany which extends a brotherly hand to our workers, which fights uncompromisingly against all kinds of injustices which they are subject to, is the German Communist Party (DKP). The German Communist Party is fighting consistently for the social and democratic rights of all workers, native and foreign, and is concretely applying proletarian internationalism. Workers from Turkey do not and will not forget this.

FİDEF and organisations affiliated to FİDEF are an important support in the struggle of our workers in Federal Germany for equal rights.

The banner of solidarity with the peoples of the world fighting against imperialism, fascism and racism is always held high by our workers abroad. They too raised their voice against the barbaric attack by the partners in the crime of imperialism, the Chinese hegemonists, against the Vietnamese people: "Hands off Vietnam!", they shouted. Our workers participated in the Vietnam solidarity marches organised in Federal Germany. They protested against the Maoist aggressors. Internationalist solidarity has always been on FİDEF's agenda.

In the past period, FİDEF developed both quantitatively and qualitatively. We believe the IIIrd Congress will constitute a new step in this process.

Esteemed friends,

The TKP Central Committee wishes your Congress great success.

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

23 March 1979

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE IRAQI COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey warmly salutes the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Iraqi Communist Party, and sends its militant revolutionary greetings.

For many years, the Iraqi Communist Party has always remained faithful to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and upheld the unity of the world communist and workers' parties. There have always existed warm fraternal relations between the Communist Party of Turkey and the Iraqi Communist Party on the basis of common ideals and principles of struggle. This battle fraternity is further strengthening neighbourly and friendly relations between our peoples.

We regard the intense campaign of repression, the arrests, tortures and executions conducted for some time by the ruling circles in Iraq against Iraqi communists and other progressive forces with great anger and hatred. We demand the release of all arrested communists and progressives, and an end to all repression and terror. The Communist Party of Turkey expresses its solidar-

ity with the fraternal Iraqi Communist Party, which is celebrating the 45th anniversary of its founding in such a difficult period.

The communists and progressive forces of Turkey will continue to show solidarity with the Iraqi communists, fighting to maintain the anti-imperialist, progressive development of their homeland.

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

31 March 1979

THE 27TH OF APRIL TRIAL AND THE URGENCY OF SOLIDARITY

A new court case has been instigated against Ahmet Taştan, responsible editor of "Ürün" Publishing House, under fascist article 141. The hearing will take place on the 27th of April. The new case is aimed at transforming the TKP Programme trial into a "secret organisation" investigation. Ahmet Taştan previously stood trial at the Istanbul Second Criminal Court under fascist article 142 for the legal publication of the TKP Programme. At the session of this trial on the 26th of January 1979, an important development took place due to national and international solidarity. The Court upheld the unconstitutionality of article 142 and an application was made to the Constitutional Court for the repeal of this fascist article. The Constitutional Court, however, refused to consider this application after a stormy sitting. Nevertheless, pressure from democratic, progressive forces forced a proposal for the abolition of fascist articles 141 and 142 onto the parliamentary agenda. The proposal was submitted by the independent MP for Mardin province, Nurettin Yılmaz. The statement by the Chairman of the Justice Party, Süleyman Demirel, following the coming of fascist articles 141 and 142 onto the parliamentary agenda clearly shows the big role played by the mounting pressures and attacks of the reactionary-fascist forces in this unconstructive decision by the Constitutional Court. Demirel said, "When articles 141 and 142 begin to be debated in parliament, we will declare war." (Tercüman, 30 March 1979)

In the light of these developments, the 27th of April hearing and the proposal of the parliamentary agenda for the lifting of fascist articles 141 and 142 assume great significance for all progressive forces, socialists, communists and social democrats, for all those on the side of freedom and democratic rights. Both events are an opportunity for the reactionary-fascist forces to increase anti-communist attacks against all democratic forces and organisations. In order to prevent this, the 27th of April trial must be forced into a retreat and repulsed. Fascist article 141, like article 142, must be made to be taken to the Constitutional Court for annulment. The repulsing of this offensive will facilitate the overcoming of the resistance of the reactionary-

fascist forces in parliament, the formation of a majority on the side of democratic freedoms, and the dumping of these fascist legislation onto the rubbish heap of history.

From this point of view, it is necessary, as it is urgent, to widen the struggle for the abolition of articles 141 and 142 and to strengthen solidarity on a national and international scale with "Ürün" Publishing House and its director Ahmet Taştan, against the 27th of April trial. The results of the national and international solidarity which developed and strengthened at the previous trials are plain to see. The statements of various organisations in recent days demanding the abolition of fascist articles 141 and 142 show that solidarity to be strengthening. In fact the Congress of the Union of Writers of Turkey, the Bar Association of Turkey on its 101st anniversary and the Society of Contemporary Lawyers of Turkey have all repeated their demands for the abolition of articles 141 and 142.

The struggle against these fascist articles is an inseparable part of the struggle against the fascist escalation, imperialism and the aggressive NATO pact.