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COMRADE I. BILEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF
TURKEY ANSWERED THE QUESTIONS OF THE RADIO STATION
"VOICE OF THE CPT"

Comrade İ. Bilen, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Turkey (CPT) answered the questions of the radio station "Voice of the CPT". The special interview of comrade İ. Bilen which was broadcasted on the 2nd of July 1980 is as the following:

Question: The NATO council met in Ankara at the level of foreign ministers. Why Ankara? What is the reason of this in your opinion?

Comrade Bilen: The NATO council met already one month before its session in Ankara in Brussels at the chief headquarters. As known, the chief boss of NATO, the USA imposed the stationing of 573 new middle ranged nuclear missiles at the midst of Europe to its other partners. And she insisted on the implementation of this decision as soon as possible. The meeting in Ankara is the continuation of this aggressive step of increasing the international tension. The session lasted two days. It took place behind the closed doors.

And this is not all. Pentagon imposes, insists. But the partners in Europe accept the nuclear hell of Carter unwillingly. The plan of the installation of new nuclear missiles hits to the protests in Europe, in the world, and in the public opinion. One reason of the meeting in Ankara is this. Washington is trying to realize the decisions of Brussels as soon as possible.

The other reasons of the session taking place in Ankara are more interesting. USA and the bosses of NATO underline in every opportunity and with different reasons that they pay a special attention to Turkey. And moreover, the developments in Turkey do not go on as Carter, Muskie and Demirel want.

There is a wide, steadily increasing and a mass based resistance against NATO. This resistance is entwined with the resistance against the government hostile to the people, against the bloody terror, against the martial law, against the violence that is backed by NATO. This reflects itself openly to the strikes that include tens thousands of workers. While the NATO meeting was taking place at the same time there were demonstrations one after the other against the NATO, against the hard oppressions of the martial law, against the bilateral enslaving treaty in many places of the country. The left wing of the Republican People's Party (CHP)

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also takes part in this campaign together with all progressive forces. And the bloody handed Demirel government is shaking.

Washington wants to stop this shaking, this beginning of dissolving. The US imperialists want that their servants like Demirel, Özal and fascist Türkeş who realize all of their wishes should stay at power.

The collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie is in a difficult position. It makes new steps in the direction of further monopolisation. It is urging for big profits. Therefore not only the working class but also all urban and rural working masses, broad sections of the middle strata that is being ruined and the nonmonopoly section of the bourgeoisie have started to resist the monopoly bourgeoisie.

The NATO meeting in Ankara took place under such a climate. How did it take place? The martial law authorities took in Ankara extraordinary measures. One army division with tanks, jets and helicopters patrolled the whole city, all streets. Only this fact is enough to explain the situation. This was no doubt a challenge to the people. But in fact all these show the fear of the enemies of peace and freedom, of pro-NATO and pro-American forces in Turkey.

Question: What are the other reasons of the meeting?

Comrade Bilen: There inner contradictions, conflicts and disagreements in the NATO. These inner questions came in Luns' and others' speeches onto surface. They have talked about the reinforcement of the southeast flank of NATO. Also Greece was present at the meeting. Greece had resigned from the military organisation of the NATO. The expansionist American circles want to bring Greece back to the military organisation of NATO. For that reason they want to get rid of the breeze between Turkey and Greece which they themselves had made begin. In order to bound them more to themselves and to play with them as they want, the US imperialists make their junior partners in NATO now enemies and then friends.

Question: At the Ankara meeting of NATO Eastern Mediterranean, Near and Middle East were among the points of discussion. There were talks about Iran and Afganistan. Is there the need of a more detailed comment on these issues?

Comrade Bilen: To explain the essence of this issue to the public opinion and to the people, to show the realities and to warn the broad masses, this is the burning question of the day. These are the concrete and indispensable task of the CPT and of all communists. The Turkish Radio and Television, the pro-American, pro-NATO press, the newspapers and propagandists of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie show the events upside down confuse the public opinion. stir anticommunism and antisovietism for that reason. They want to hide from the people the aggressiveness of the imperialist, expansionist American circles, their attempts of mounting the tension of increasing the arms race and torpedoing the peace.

But whatever they do, they can not stop the progress. The expansionist imperialists cannot hide their aggressiveness, their plan against the peoples of the Near and Middle East, against the national independence movement, they can not find any means for that aim. The plans of the US imperialists are drawn with blood. These plans smell to oil. These are plans of big profits. What is being implemented to Iran, is one of these plans. The military intervention attempt, embargo and all these barbarism. The US imperialists want to take revenge at the people of Iran who overthrew the Shachregime. Washington having lost its positions, its backings and aggressive bases in Iran became crazy. In order to regain its former position it makes new steps. In order to build new bases, to form new aggressive blocks, and to draw Turkey to all these, Washington shows to Turkey both, the whip and the dollar. And the NATO session of Ankara showed these once more.

About the discussion of the question of Afganistan during the Ankara meeting there is little but sure to say. Washington, Peking all forces that are hostile to peace and national independence underwent a very hard blow. They feel upset. And their pain does not let them in peace now.

At the last plenum of the CC of the CPSU comrade L.I. Brejnev underlined the situation in Afganistan by a very open language. He said: "The situation in Afganistan normalizes. The inner reaction the majority of the counterrevolutionary bandits are smashed down and defeated. The attempts to intervene from outside have failed. Under these conditions we have decided to draw back one part of our army divisions."

And comrade Brejnev underlined also that Soviet Union will continue its help for the revolution in Afganistan to live and develop.

Soviet Union has helped Afganistan. Soviet Union defended the revolution in Afganistan, the sovereignty, national independence and territorial integrity of this country. By this, Soviet Union defended peace.

The Communist Party of Turkey has always supported the Leninist policy, the initiatives of the Soviet Union for a long during peace and security in the world and in our region, for a stable process of détente and disarmament. And the Communist Party of Turkey will support this policy also in the future.

Our party will not depart from the policy of organising our people for further actions and struggles against NATO, against the bilateral enslaving treaty, against the bases and nuclear installations on our territory, against the attempts of imperialism to increase the arms race and the international tension.

DEMIREL'S STAY IN POWER MAKES NATO HAPPY

The vote of no confidence on the Demirel government which was given by the Republican People's Party was taken in the parliament on the 2nd of July 1980. The Demirel government took the vote of confidence with 227 against 214 votes. The Justice Party (AP), the fascist Nationalist Action Party (MHP), the Republicanist Confidence Party (CGP) and also the National Salvation Party (MSP) although it has declared before that it is against the government voted in. The CHP, independent deputies and one MP of the Unity Party (BP) voted against the government.

Nevzat Kösoğlu, one of the active leaders of the fascist MHP menaced before the vote of confidence like that: "If a government which does not include MHP comes into power, the terror and murders will take the shape of a civil war." Indeed, only on the day on which the government took the confidence vote 14 people were killed in Turkey.

"Milliyet", one of the bourgeois newspapers wrote in a news from Brussels that NATO circles were happy because the Demirel government took the confidence. In the news of the "Milliyet" there was also the information that EEC, OECD and IMF found the result very positive. Also in the American embassy in Ankara the content about the duration of the Demirel government was expressed.

The radio station "Voice of the Communist Party of Turkey", in its comment on the 4th of July 1980 stated that CHP did not act decisive for the vote of no confidence, and that the real aims of the CHP and MSP which said until the last moment that it is against the government were to hinder that the protests of the masses should not run away to revolutionary channels. The radio station "Voice of the CPT" said that during the vote of confidence it came out that the Demirel government has its base not in the parliament, but in the NATO, in pro-American circles of the army and the fascist terror organisations.

Newspaper "ATILIM", organ of the Central Committee of the CPT in its issue of the 1st of July 1980 and in the article of "the question of the government and our tactics" writes that any government out of this parliament will not bring any solution to the problems of the broad masses. The article states that the CPT, following the policy of unity of action, underlines two points: First, the communists are willing to act in unity with all forces who are against the policy of the government hostile to the people although all of them do not share the aims of the advanced democratic revolution and socialism, and to support every resistance and step against the coercive measures hostile to the people. Second, there is no other way to choose for liberation for the people than of creating a strong democracy movement and of preparing the advanced democratic revolution that mounts to socialism.

MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES RAIDED THE CONGRESS OF TIP ANKARA
ORGANISATION

The bodies of the martial law of Ankara raided the congress of the Ankara organisation of the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP). The security forces showed as pretext the slogans shouted by the delegates while Behice Boran, the president of the party was entering the congress hall. Although the government official at the congress stated that there was nothing taking place against any law, the martial law authorities took 588 people. 559 of them, Behice Boran, the president of TIP and Nihat Sargin, the general secretary of TIP among them, were released afterwards. 29 people were arrested with the complain of further investigations.

The CPT protested this oppression against TIP fervently. CPT stated that the attacks against the progressive forces that have increased in the last days belong to the plans of oppression of the reactionary and fascist forces, and underlined that any oppression can not terrify the forces of the democracy.

THE SECOND FASCIST MASSACRE IN ÇORUM IN ONE MONTH

The reactionary Demirel government hostile to the people started a concentrated action of terrification against all progressive and patriotic forces after it has gained the confidence vote. Through the actions like to raid the congress of the Ankara organisation of the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP) and to attack the delegates without any reason, like to kill the MP of the Republican People's Party (CHP) to Istanbul, Mr. Abdurrahman Köksaloğlu, mass murders in different cities and municipalities, it wants to squeeze the legal and parliamentary opposition and as the result of this to impose the silence of the progressive forces in Turkey.

The last massacre in Turkey was again in Çorum, 150 km northeast to Ankara, a place that was the target of the fascist massacre for the second time in a month. Houses and working places of the progressive people and of Alevi (the Shia minority in Turkey) were burned and destroyed, and during the bloody attack 30 people were killed and 50 were injured according to official numbers.

The bloody massacre in the city began with a very known and very often used provocation like the ly of a bomb was thrown to a mosque. The governor imposed curfew but in Alaca and many other districts the murderers used the curfew with the aim to pick up the progressive people and the Alevi from their homes. The fascists who made the Social Security Hospital as their central base, killed the people they have captured in the cellar of the hospital after crucial tortures. After the events dead bodies were found in this cellar, the eyes of which were taken out and the arms of them amputated.

It came out that the nazi killers who terrorized Çorum were educated in a special camp. During the police raid to the camp that lies 20 kms to Güzelbahçe village near Izmir it came out that the place was detained one day before the attacks in Çorum. The eye witnesses told that in this camp the pensioned off officers taught to the young people who are about 14-21 years old how to kill, how to torture, how to organize mobs and provocations and how to

shoot.

The majority of the 287 people who were arrested during the massacre in Çorum were released by the fascist police authorities. Those 26 people who sit now in prison are not the main responsables of the riot and the main responsables were brought out of Çorum immediately after the events.

The bloody handed Demirel government tried to show the events in Çorum as a conflict between "left and right forces". It blamed the CHP as the responsible source to the events with the complain that CHP was supporting the left forces. Mr. Bülent Ecevit, president of the CHP and Mr. Süleyman Arif Emre, the vice president of the National Salvation Party (MSP) in their denouncements they told that the massacre in Çorum is under the auspices of the government and they have accused the fascist Nationalist Action Party (MHP).

To hinder that the events are known throughout the country special methods were used. While the bloody massacre was going on, the Turkish Radio and Television spread incorrect informations. The journalists who went to Çorum were imprisoned in the police center by the fascist bandits. For three days no news could be heard of Sedat Uysal, the reporter of the news agency ISTA.

The workers' parties, the democratic organisations, the trade unions and the progressive professional organisations protested the bloody massacre in Çorum. In many districts of Istanbul and in Samsun at meetings and demonstrations this bloody massacre was protested. The raising of the struggle against the Demirel government and against the fascist MHP which is supporting it by its bloody terror was demanded. In Eşrefpaşa in Izmir at a demonstration against the danger of fascism all national democratic forces were appealed to raise the joint struggle. Also the political prisoners in many military prisons organised different protest movements.

On the other side, in Fatsa in Ordu a big military operation called "the point operation" have started. Army divisions, police men and fascist murderers with masks on their faces take part in the operation. Until now 450 people were arrested, the major among them.

The radio station "Voice of the Communist Party of Turkey" told that it is not by accident that the vote of no confidence and the events in Çorum took place at the same time. The radio station noted: "The CPT calls every democratic person, every patriotic and antifascist person and force against the fascist terror to unity of action without loosing any time in order to free the people and the country from these dark days.

THE U-2 PLANES OF ESPIONAGE ARE AGAIN ON THE AGENDA

The news of the BBC about the flights of the U-2 espionage planes in the border of Turkey and the Soviet Union araised heavy protest among the peace and democracy forces in Turkey. The BBC said that prime minister Demirel gave to American senators the guarantee about the flights of the U-2 planes of espionage.

Mr. Bülent Ecevit, president of the Republican People's Party made a press conference. Ecevit reminded the position of Turkey on the days when he was the prime minister and repeated his wiew of that Turkey should not allow the flights of the U-2 planes without the common permission of the Soviet Union and the USA. He demanded that this position should be followed further until the subject will be discussed in the parliament.

After the announcements on the activities of the U-2 planes once again, the peace forces of Turkey draw the attention to the "Defence and Cooperation" treaty between US imperialism and the Demirel government. The treaty that is called by the progressive public opinion as the bilateral enslaving treaty consists of 96 secret pages and only 4 known pages. that were handed over to the parliament. The peace forces point out that the flights of the U-2 planes could take place secretly and reminded that a U-2 plane was crashed in February 1980 near the US base at the Black Sea. Although the ministers of foreign affairs and of defence have rejected the type of the plane, the specialists declared that the crushed plane was a U-2 one.

The radio station "Voice of the CPT" in its programm of the 7th of July 1980 warned the peace and democracy forces once more and called all patriotic forces to raise the struggle against the activities of the U-2 espionage planes.

PEACE COMMITTEE OF TURKEY RAISES THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE

The bureau meeting of the Peace Committee of Turkey took place on the 11th-13th of July 1980 in Kuşadası. 160 prominent figures of Turkey, like the former minister and mp of CHP to Manisa Mr. Mustafa Ok, the widow of the journalist Abdi İpekçi who was killed by the fascists, Mrs .Sibel İpekçi, the leaders and presidents of several professional organisations like the Turkish Bar and the Turkish Doctors Association, artists and scientists among them, decided to raise the struggle in all fields that are concerned

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At the meeting it was declared that the bilateral enslaving treaty puts through its secret items the bases of USA on Turkish territory under the full command of the Pentagon, the spreading up of the campaign against the bilateral enslaving treaty was accepted. At the meeting further decisions like to spread the Budapest Appeal of the World Peace Council and to open a signature campaign, to wage a consequent struggle for the implementation of the principles of Helsinki and for the continuation of the process of European Security and Cooperation, to condemn the attacks against the Moscow Olympics, to move the national and international public opinion against the violation of human rights in Turkey were taken.

The peace forces decided also to gather the extraordinary congress of the Peace Committee of Turkey in order to choose the Turkish delegation to Sofia, to the "Parliament of the People of the World for Peace".

THE 7TH CONGRESS OF DISK ENDED

The 7th Congress of DISK, Confederation of the Revolutionary Trade Unions took place from the 24th until the 30th of July 1980 in Istanbul. The congress of DISK that was taking place in an atmosphere where the fascist terror was mounted so far as possible, the most moderate opposition in the parliament was intended to be paralyzed by terror and the attacks of the reactionary and fascist forces against DISK and the class trade unions in DISK have increased carried a big importance for the unity of the working class of Turkey. As known, the splitting decisions taken in DISK in the period before against the class trade unions weakened the strength of DISK.

Many delegates who took the floor at the congress underlined the importance of the unity of DISK. Kemal Türkler, the president of the Metal Workers' Trade Union (Maden-İş) stated in his speech that DISK should reinforce its unity in order to fulfill its tasks as the vanguard of trade union movement in Turkey. Türkler said that millions of workers with and without a trade union look for a strong force and he insisted that therefore there is no place for sectarianism, prejudices and impositions in DISK.

On the DİSK congress that has protested the NATO meeting in Ankara Abdullah Baştürk, the joint candidate of all trade unions was elected again as the president of DİSK. The names of the members of the Executive Committee are :Fehmi Işıklar (General Secretary),Kemal Daysal (from Maden-İş),Süleyman Çelebi (from Textile Workers' Trade Union),Ertan Andaç (from Public Workers' Trade Union), Mukbil Zırtıloğlu (from Hotel Workers' Trade Union) and Rıza Güven (the former president of the Textile Workers' Trade Union)).

If a stronger unity of action of the progressive forces and active trade unionists could have been reached, the results of the 7th Congress of DİSK would be more advanced. But the latest congress of DİSK was a step forward towards the reinforcement of the unity in DİSK despite of all the inconsequences and shortcomings. It strengthened the possibilities of DİSK in the struggle against the mounting attacks of the monopolies ,for the granting the unity of action with Türk-İş and for the driving back of the danger of fascism.



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