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JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF CPT AND CPG

At the beginning of October a delegation of the Communist Party of Turkey headed by the general secretary of the CC Comrade İ. Bilen met with a delegation of the Communist Party of Greece headed by the general secretary of the CC Comrade H. Florakis.

The meeting of the two parties took place in a period of heavy international developments, under conditions where the international situation was greatly sharpened, and the international peace, especially the peace in the Eastern Mediterranean and in the Near East where both countries are lying and both parties are acting is in serious danger.

The CPT and CTG condemn the coup of the militarists in Turkey which has abolished the parliamentary system with all its roots, annulled the political, trade union and democratic rights and freedoms and violated the human rights in Turkey. The open military dictatorship in Turkey has as its direct target the working class, the working people, the progressive and antiimperialist forces and the class trade unionism. The pro-American junta in Turkey is arresting all these forces massively and exerting barbarian tortures on them.

On the other hand the imposition of this coup is bound to the general change in the policy of imperialism and of NATO from detente towards the policy of confrontation and "cold war". The imperialists are aiming to use the military regime in Turkey in order to ease the pro-NATO solutions, especially in the conflicts between Turkey and Greece and in the problem of Cyprus. They are also making use of the pro-NATO line of the Greek government.

The CPT informed the CPG about its policy which consists of the joint resistance and the friendship in the struggle of all the forces of democracy and independence and transmitted the first encouraging message on the resistance of the people of Turkey against the pro-American junta.

The CPG announced its solidarity with the militant fighters of the CPT, with the democrats and patriots of Turkey who are continuing their struggle against the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and the terror regime for democracy, independence and social progress under the harder conditions of today. The working class of Greece and the whole people of Greece are developing a broad and active solidarity movement with the people of Turkey under the slogans "People, remember your junta!", "The enemy is common, it is the imperialism".

The efforts of the USA and NATO in the direction to reintegrate Greece to the military flank of NATO and to create a treaty between the US and Greece like the treaty between the US and Turkey in order to renew and widen the status of the foreign military bases in Greece, are increasing the dangers in our region. The direct aim of the imperialists is to use the territories of both countries in the framework of their adventurous strategy in the sensitive and critical region of the Eastern Mediterranean.

The peoples of Turkey and Greece oppose the entackling of their countries into these dangerous plans of imperialism which do not only threaten the peace and the achievements of the progressive movements in the region, but also put the future of the both countries in danger.

The CPT and the CPG condemn the dangerous arms race stirred by imperialism which is joined by the ruling classes of both countries. This arms race is strongly influencing the economies of both countries and ruins the working people. This is serving only to the interests of the foreign arms monopolies and to the strategic aims of imperialism. The guns of NATO have been directed many times to the working people and democratic forces of the country where they have been installed.

Both parties believe that the conflict between Turkey and Greece must be solved without violence, without threatening with the use of violence and according to the HFA and on the basis of international law and practice by respecting the national independence and territorial integrity of both countries and without imperialist interference and control, by a peaceful way beneficial for both peoples.

The CPT and the CPG support the struggle of the Cypriots— both Turkish and Greek— for a peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem, for a solution on the basis of the UN resolutions, for a democratic, independent, sovereign and territorially integral Cyprus, for the withdrawal of the Turkish and all other foreign troops and for the liquidation of the military bases on the island. Such a solution can only be achieved outside the dangerous mediation of NATO, by convening an international conference under the auspice of UN and by the development of a contentful dialog between both communities.

Both parties are following with great concern the serious worsening of the situation in the East Mediterranean and in the Near East. The aggressive strategy of USA, the concentration of US military power, and the threat of US to use military force are making this region to a continous source of international tension and of a serious threat to the world peace. US imperialism is exerting a systematic effort in the recent time, in order to form a reactionary front of the pro-imperialist governments in the region and especially to destabilize the regimes with an antiimperialist orientation, like in Iran. Within this framework, the US imperialism tries to desorient some countries from the antiimperialist line by supporting the hegemonistic, chauvinistic and expansionist tendencies, to split the nonaligned countries and to play them against each other.

Facing this situation it is a necessity to raise the joint struggle of the anti-imperialist and peaceloving forces in the region against the attacks and provocations of imperialism and for peace and security. Both parties express their deep concern about the military confrontation between Iraq and Iran which is a serious danger for international peace. They oppose every effort to eliminate the differences of opinion between the two countries by using arms and by invading foreign territories. They support the efforts to stop the war immediately and to look directly for a peaceful and political solution for the differences of opinion between Iraq and Iran.

Lastly, the CPT and the CPG underline that under the present situation where imperialism is intensifying its attacks against detente and mounting the arms race to dangerous dimensions the reinforcement of the struggle for peace, for detente and for disarmament is a necessity. They approve and support the

proposals of the Paris meeting of the European communist and workers' parties, of the countries of the Warsaw Treaty and of the recent forum of the world peace forces in Sophia in the direction of peace and disarmament.

Both parties connected to each other on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and of the proletarian internationalism call the working classes of Turkey and Greece, the peoples of both countries and all peace forces to be patient and to wage a joint struggle for peace and detente. No new nuclear missiles should be installed in Western Europe! The imperialist bases in our countries should be eliminated! Turkey and Greece should withdraw from NATO! Mediterranean should be a sea of peace and of peoples' independence!

Both parties being aware of the critical situation in the international arena and in the region will continue also in the future their coordinated actions and will struggle to strengthen the international solidarity and cooperation between the two peoples against imperialism, for national independence, democracy, social progress and peace.

4 October 1980

TO COMRADE GUS HALL, THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USA

Esteemed comrade Gus Hall,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, of all communists of Turkey, and also on my own behalf I warmly congratulate You on the occasion of Your 70th birthday and send our revolutionary militant greetings.

From Your youth on You are in the forefront of the struggle waged in the USA for the cause of the proletariat. From 1929 on You are fighting at the rows of the Communist Party of the USA where You have occupied responsible duties. During the "cold war", in the period of McCartism You have continued Your struggle undauntedly despite of the reprisals of all kind. You have waged a consistent struggle against Browder's liquidatorism and against the Gates' revisionism in order to protect the Leninist unity and the ideological pureness of the Communist Party of the USA. The communists of Turkey, our working class know You as an outstanding fighter of the American proletariat and of the world communist movement who has been always faithful to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and as an outstanding friend of the party and of the land Lenin's.

The military coup in our country under the tense situation in the Near and Middle East gains a further importance as a part of the attack of imperialism and NATO against the movement of peace, international detente, disarmament and social progress. The pro-NATO junta which came to the power in order to protect the interests of the imperialist financial institutions and of the collaborating monopoly capital in our country attacks first of all the working class and the democracy movement in Turkey. Nowadays imperialism and NATO increase their efforts in order to use this military dictatorship against the Soviet Union, against the socialist countries, against the peoples of the region, and

against peace and security. The Communist Party of Turkey works with all its forces to rally the unity and the common front of all antiimperialist democratic and progressive forces in our country against the pro-NATO junta.

The Communist Party of Turkey appreciates very highly the struggle of the Communist Party of the USA against the monopolies and for the rights of the working people, for democracy and social progress, against the war mongering policy of imperialism which plays now with the future of the mankind, and its consistent position against racial discrimination. The communists of Turkey follow with satisfaction that conscious sections of the proleariat of the USA and the progressive forces support the CPUSA on the occasion of the elections despite of all the obstacles of the US administration. They declare their solidarity with the communists of the USA.

Esteemed comrade Gus Hall,

We wish You on Your 70th birthday health, well-being and a long life, and great success in Your hard struggle and responsible duty.

8 October 1980

I. Bilen
General Secretary
CC CPT

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, and all communist of Turkey share with you your deep sorrow over the death of comrade Luigi Longo, the president of the Italian Communist Party.

With comrade Luigi Longo's death the Italian Communist Party and the international communist movement have lost one of their outstanding fighters. Comrade Luigi Longo inspired by the ideals of the Great Socialist October Revolution has fought for decades for the sake of the working class and for the ideals of communism. He played an outstanding role in the defence of the Republic in Spain and in the struggle waged for liberation of Italy from fascism. The communists and the progressive forces of Turkey considered comrade Luigi Longo always as a consistent internationalist and as a militant fighter of socialism.

The Communist Party of Turkey will always remember comrade Luigi Longo with respect.

17 October 1980

I. Bilen
General Secretary
CC CPT

CPT TOOK PART IN THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE

The Communist Party of Turkey took part with a delegation in the meeting of the communist parties of the capitalist countries of Europe which was held on the 8-9th of October 1980 in Brussels on the topic "crises, European integration, the struggle of the working class and of the democrats". In the meeting where 21 fraternal parties were present a speech was delivered on behalf of the CPT.

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA

Esteemed Comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the 60th anniversary of the founding of a Marxist-Leninist party in Australia and sends fraternal militant greetings.

The Socialist Party of Australia upholds carefully the Marxist-Leninist traditions of struggle which were started by the Communist Party of Australia before 60 years and enriches them by the experiences gained in the recent struggles of the working class of Australia. It develops the experiences of the struggles of the 1920's and 1930's in the struggle of the working class of Australia under recent conditions aiming to form the front of all progressive and democratic forces against imperialism, against war and against exploitation and for a free and socialist Australia. It continues the successful actions of the 1950's against the "cold war" back, to mount the international tension and to squeeze the process of detente.

While the Socialist Party of Australia is continuing the militant traditions of the communist movement of Australia, it wages an antagonistic struggle against opportunism. It defends the ideas of Marxism-Leninism and the Leninist organisational principles as the apple of its eye. The Socialist Party of Australia considers the unification of the broadest masses, the formation of the peoples' front of all progressive and democratic forces for world peace, national independence, democratic rights, human living conditions and socialism as its task.

The Communist Party of Turkey is bound to the fraternal Socialist Party of Australia on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We wish You new and big successes in your just struggle.

30 October 1980

I. Bilen
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

CPT TOOK PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE IN BERLIN ON THE TOPIC "THE COMMON STRUGGLE OF THE WORK- ERS' MOVEMENT AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AGAINST IMPERIALISM FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS"

The CPT took part with a delegation in the international scientific conference meeting on the topic "the common struggle of the workers' movement and of the national liberation movement against imperialism for social progress" which was held in Berlin, the capital of the German Democratic Republic on the 20-24th of October 1980. The representatives of the CPT delivered speeches in the three working groups of the conference.

GREECE AND NATO

From "Atılım", organ of the
CC of the CPT, 1 November 1980

Greece has returned to the military flank of NATO. Now the very "secret items" of the "Rogers plan" come one after the other to light. While the junta in Turkey and the Rallis government in Greece are discussing "who gave more concessions", the bosses of NATO, the imperialists are celebrating their "big success". Those who have won are the USA, Federal Germany, the chiefs of NATO. And those who have lost are the two weak countries of NATO.

The imperialist broadcasts and newspapers say: "It is a step towards the solution of the problems between Turkey and Greece. "But the problems between Turkey and Greece appeared after the membership of the both countries to NATO. The situation after the reintegration of Greece to NATO will not be different from the situation before. On contrary, the concentration of the mechanism which have created the problems between the two countries in the hands of the bosses of NATO according to the new agreement will sharpen these problems further.

The control of the Aegean Sea and of the air space belongs now fully to NATO. It is possessing also the right of donating this control to one of these countries temporarily. So it can exert military force upon that country where the class struggle will rise and where its interests will be in danger. Greece will form an army like the Aegean Army in Turkey. NATO will use them against each other when it wants. The agreement will be a base for the military block which imperialism is trying to construct in the region, and it will be a weapon against the people of the region.

The agreement and the military dictatorship in Turkey are the succeeding steps of the same plot. NATO which uses the junta against our people donated it with the unhonorable function to sign such an agreement and to prevent the resistance of the people against it.

The struggle against imperialism has not stopped. If the massive protest against the agreement could be prevented by terror and by repressions, this is temporary. On the other hand the people of Greece are not silent. The communists, the patriotic forces, the youth, the women, the intelligentsia oppose NATO. The only way of defending the national interests and the independence of the both countries is the joint struggle against imperialism as it is underlined in the common declaration of the CPT and of the CPG. It is the joint settling accounts with the betrayers. It is the joint making an end of the determination of the faith of the both countries in the headquarters of NATO.

THE BRUTAL REPRESSIONS OF THE JUNTA CONTINUE

The repressions and terror in Turkey which are hidden from the world public opinion through the strong censorship in Turkey and through the wall of silence put up by the imperialist press monopolies continue with all violence. The last events and developments are:

—The number of those killed during the tortures increase more and more. After the murder of Ahmet Hilmi Feyzioğlu and two other persons in Bursa after being tortured to death and being thrown from the window of the 5th

floor of the political division of the Bursa police center, other murders in other cities are brought to light. Two young people in Ankara, Zeynel Abidin Ceylan and Hasan Özmen are killed in the torture center of the political police. Ahmet Karlangaç, who is accused of killing the former prime minister Nihat Erim was murdered during his interrogation. The former local president of the teachers association (Töb-Der) to Mardin, Mehmet Cizreli was found in the fields being tortured to death.

On behalf of humanity

The few political prisoners who are released after their interrogations continue to report about the methods and the tortures in the police stations, divisions and special departments. Here is an excerpt from one report from Bursa:

"On the 1st of October at 22.45 o'clock they took Mehmet İcin who worked in Metal Workers' Trade Union (Maden-İş) to the first division (Political police). After one hour they took the lawyer Ahmet Hilmi Feyzioğlu. We, the detained ones could not sleep the whole night.

On the 2nd of October Mehmet İcin and Ahmet Sarıcan were brought to our cell. They were injured and they could not stay on their feet. We took them and laid them on a convenient place. While their treatment we saw that their bodies were full with swellings and bruises. Mehmet breathed with difficulty. On the 2nd of October at 22.45 o'clock they took Mehmet İcin and Ahmet Sarıcan again.

We waited till morning with big concern. Because we knew already about the death of Ahmet Hilmi Feyzioğlu. On the 3rd of October at 6 o'clock in the morning they brought these two friends back. Their situation have worsened. There was blood in their mouths. They were writhing with pain. They were moaning continuously. But the tortures did not ended. The same night at the same time they took Mehmet İcin, Ahmet Sarıcan, the lawyer Münir Derçin and the trade unionist Günay Onayman, local president of the Textile Workers' Trade Union. In the morning of this night at 4 o'clock when Mehmet İcin and Ahmet Sarıcan were brought to the cell they fell to the floor. Mehmet İcin could not breath. This time their bodies were bruised completely.

We then decided to write this report on behalf of humanity."

—In Bursa the leaders and the members of the progressive organisations and trade unions are tortured very hard. The local secretary of the Progressive Womens Organisation (İKD) Aysun Deresin suffers interior bleeding because of electric shocks and of being thrashed with sand bags. The local president of the teachers' organisation (Töb-Der) Sabri Biber is ill because of the tortures. The local leader of the Workers' Party (TİP), Candan, the local president of Maden-İş, Özcan Pekşen, were also tortured severely.

The reprisals in the Kurdistan of Turkey

The repressions of the pro-American, pro-NATO junta in the Kurdistan of Turkey reached extraordinary dimensions. In this region the number of the political prisoners consisting of workers, peasants, students, teachers, progressive doctors and lawyers and women reaches about 10.000.

All majors in the Kurdistan of Turkey are arrested. The major of Diyarbakır Mehdi Zana is tortured every day by electric shocks and is thrashed by sand bags. The torturers ask him: "Are you a Kurd or a Turk? When they get the answer: "Everyone knows that I am a Kurd" the tortures continue.

The major of Ceylanpınar is tortured also severely. The policemen say to him: "If you don't talk, we will bring your wife and rape her in your presence." Major of Ergani Hacı Emin Karakuşu, major of Lice Nazmi Halit Barkaşı, treasurer of Diyarbakır city council Aydın Hasarı, the deputy major of Diyarbakır Şemsi Arıncı were tortured by electric shocks and pere thrashed with sand bags.

A woman worker from the garn factory in Diyarbakır was raped after being tortured. A women arrested in Silvan bore in prison. A young man in Diyarbakır became insane after 20 days of severe tortures. In Bitlis 20 women were taken as refugees. The authorities said: "You will stay here until your husbands surrender."

On the 12th of October curfew was imposed to the whole country with the claim of census. In Fatihpaşa district of Diyarbakır more then 2000 people were detained and brought to the Dilan cinema. After the names and the addresses were recorded 50 persons are arrested. A similar operation was made before in Bağlar district. 7000 citizens between 15-35 ages were brought to the Mehmetcik cinema of central army headquarter, 150 of them were arrested. The questions: "Why do you gather us like this?" are replied like: "You are against the statements of the martial law."

In Tunceli, Cafer Cantürk, a young man suffers bleeding. The directors of the Eğil School and Ergani Teachers' School are under torture. The local president of the Republican People's Party (CHP) in Diyarbakır Hasan Değer, the president of the youth organisation of this party and lawyer Yahya Mehmedoğlu were tortured also.

On the 9th of October 5 young men from a radical "leftist" group were killed with rockets in Hakkâri.

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—The number of the active members of the organisations closed by the junta exceeds two millions. The political parties are not included in this number. At the end of October the junta took a decision and appointed his officials to these organisations. The junta will use the money, the furniture and the buildings of these organisations for its purposes.

—In Istanbul a leader of the Paşabahçe factory council could not be found in his house. Then his wife and his baby two months old were taken instead. The baby had diarrhea in prison. The necessary water and medicines were not given. Then the baby and the mother were released, but next day the baby died. After this a big demonstration was organised. The funeral of the baby became an antijunta action.

In Grundig factory in Istanbul the leaders of the factory council were expelled. The workers applied to the martial law reminding that there was a statement of the junta saying that no one will lose his or her job. The authorities told the workers to go on working. Next day all of them were arrested.

—In the Trace region the local president of the CHP, the village administrators and the leaders of the cooperatives are arrested. In Edirne the local leaders of the Workers' Party of Turkey and the Socialist Workers' Party of Turkey are under arrest. 15 teachers in Babaeski, more than one hundred young people and many peasants are detained.

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—In the Black Sea region the arrests and repressions continue. The local president of the Progressive Women's Organisation is searched. Instead, her husband is arrested. Now he is in hospital because of the heavy tortures. In Ordu, Trabzon and Beşikdüzü the raids to the villages continue. The peasants are detained and tortured.

—The president of the National Salvation Party (MSP) Necmettin Erbakan was thrashed while he was arrested. Heavy repressions were made to him when he was imprisoned. After his second arrest the repressions on the members of MSP increased. The right press, for instance the newspaper Tercüman issue articles on MSP with the titles "from Jerusalem to prison" and they make fun of the antiimperialist and antizionist demands of this party.

—The number of the persons killed after the military coup by the martial law troops with pretexts like "he was suspicious", "he tried to fight against the security forces", "he didn't follow the command stop" reaches about 400.

THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY WILL REMIND ALWAYS AHMET HILMI FEYZİOĞLU

Murders take place one after the other in the torture centers of the pro-American pro-NATO junta. One of them is the murder of Ahmet Hilmi Feyzioglu, the lawyer of Metal Workers' Trade Union (Maden-İş) to Bursa and the representative of the Peace Committee of Turkey to Bursa. Feyzioglu who was arrested after the military coup of the 12th of September was tortured to death. The torturers threw him afterwards from the window of the fifth floor of the police direction of Bursa.

Feyzioglu, who was born in Eskişehir 1948 finished the Faculty of Law in İstanbul and made his apprenticeship as a lawyer of a trade union. He worked in the Bank Workers' Trade Union and Maden-İş. He struggled for the development and strengthening of class trade unionism and he gave all his knowledge and facilities to the service of the working class.

Feyzioglu fought for the mobilisation of the broadest masses for peace, disarmament and detente, for stepping of Turkey out of NATO, for the tearing of the bilateral enslaving treaties with US imperialism. As the representative of the Peace Committee of Turkey to Bursa he made big contributions for rallying the broadest peace and democracy forces.

The working class of Turkey and the people of Turkey will always remind Ahmet Hilmi Feyzioglu.

THE JUNTA ATTACKS THE WORKING CLASS FROM EVERY SIDE

The military dictatorship in Turkey attacks the working class from every side. On the top of the steps against the working class there is the limitation of the

seniority compensations. Since there is no unemployment payment in Turkey a compensation was paid to the workers who were expelled from their jobs. This payment which was according to the working period and to the wages of the workers was achieved by the hard struggles of the workers and of the progressive trade unions. The military junta limited this compensation in accordance with the interests of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie. Now the seniority compensations cannot exceed the 7,5 multiple of the minimum wage. Thus the workers who have worked in the factories for many long years and the qualified personal can be very easily expelled with a very low compensation. According to this measurement billions of Turkish lira will flow to the cashes of the monopolies.

The second step is related with a new law on the trade unions. The junta, while it is gathering the working class by force in one trade union, is trying on the other hand to wipe all remains of the class trade unionism and to destroy the traditions of the Revolutionary Trade Unions (DİSK). The new law on the trade unions consists of items like: the payments for the period in strike will be done by the trade unions (before the employers had to pay) ; the appointment of pro-junta elements to the leadership of the trade unions.

The third step includes the prohibition of strikes. The junta argues that it is not against every strike, that it is only against "the ideological strikes". But until today the generals and the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie have called every strike "ideological" Thus , this is an attempt of depriving the working class from a very strong weapon against the bourgeoisie. There will be strong punishments for the workers who will go to strike.

THE MILITARY JUNTA AND IMPERIALISM ARE USING THE VISA AS POLITICAL WEAPON

In October after Federal Republic of Germany, France and some other EC countries have also introduced entrance visas to Turkish citizens. As a pretext for this Federal Germany is claiming the increase in number of the applications for political asylum and the necessity to hinder the free circulation of free labour power.

The fact that Western European countries have begun to ask Turkish citizens for entrance visas, is affecting the workers abroad, their families as well as large masses of working people and democratic forces of Turkey. İbrahim Bodur, president of the Chamber of Industrialists of İstanbul announced that according to the treaties made with Western European countries the employers don't have any problems in obtaining the visas. On the other hand it is very difficult to get a visa for a worker and only after proving his financial position and reliability.

The pro-NATO junta is now trying to bring new regulations in order to win the sympathy and support of the EC countries and to use the visa as a weapon against the forces of democracy. The government formed a commission under Öztrak, minister of state, which has worked out the new measures for obtaining a travel passport. By reorganizing the conditions for travelling outside, the government seeks to end the visa formalities. This plan is also submitted to the European Council and to the EC Commission. These new measures include among others:

--The validity of passports will be limited and only those who make declara-

tion of property will be given a passport.

--The passports will have a stamp showing that the owner is not prosecuted politically. The political "suspicious" persons will be prevented to travel abroad.

--With the help of Federal Germany a computer center will be established which will serve as an archive of the "political suspicious" ones.

The visa which was brought as a measure against the working people is going to be changed with a system that will function again against the working people. The visa used also as a political weapon will be now changed with a set of political measures. The generals of the junta want also to hide that in our country human rights are violated, that tens of thousands of people are arrested, tortured and persecuted.

The position of Federal Germany and other NATO countries show the ugly policy of imperialism. Those who raise big thunders for "human rights, rights of workers" in Poland keep silent when the rights of the working people of Turkey is concerned. They claim that the demand of German Democratic Republic for the recognition of its citizenship" contradicts the Helsinki Final Act", but when the citizens of Turkey is concerned they forget easily the Helsinki Final Act. They praise the "political asylum" for the elements from Afghanistan, Vietnam and Cuba who they use in their anticommunist propaganda, but they take measures against the demands of political asylum of toilers from Turkey who are brutally repressed by the pro-American and pro-NATO junta, and openly support the latter to take stronger measures.

THE SOLIDARITY WITH THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF TURKEY RISES

The solidarity movement with the democratic forces of Turkey rises. Many fraternal communist parties, German Communist Party, Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin, French Communist Party, Communist Party of Greece, Tudeh Party of Iran, Communist Party of Canada and AKEL among them, issue one after the other protest statements. They demand from their governments to stop economic, political and military aid of any kind to the junta in Turkey. Many fraternal parties from many countries, Norway, Belgium, France, Italy, Denmark, Great Britain, Cyprus, Greece, Netherlands, Federal Germany and West Berlin among them, issue in their central organs articles and comments on the situation in Turkey and demand the support of their public opinion to the democratic forces of Turkey.

World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) after its statement on Turkey tackled the problem of trade union and democratic rights in Turkey in its meeting in Moscow on the eve of October. In the resolutions, the repressions in Turkey are protested. The Metal Trade Union International affiliated to the WFTU called its member organisations to raise the solidarity with the working class of Turkey.

The International Students' Union (ISU) also issued a statement protesting the repressions on the democratic forces in Turkey, and on its member IGD (Progressive Youth Organisation). Communist youth of Greece KNE, youth organisation of Cyprus EDON raised their solidarity with the youth and people of Turkey from the day of the coup on.

A delegation of IGD with the initiative of the ISU travelled in Finland and

Federal Germany and explained the situation in Turkey in many meetings. It made a press conference in Helsinki and met many representatives of political parties, organisations, youth organisations of Finland, with the World Peace Council, and Peace Council of Finland. The delegation took part in the solidarity meeting with Chile in Hamburg organised also by ISU. World Federation of Democratic Youth, the student organisations of Ireland, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Finland, Federal Germany, Cyprus, German Democratic Republic, Porto Rico, Chile, and Portugal, and the Students' Council of Latin America, signed the solidarity document with the youth and with the people of Turkey.

The French-Turkish Friendship Association campaigns also for raising the solidarity with the people of Turkey. In a document signed by numerous French democrats, intellectuals, scientists and artists, the release of the political prisoners, the of freedom of thought and word, and the self-determination of the people of Turkey is demanded.

The protest actions of the workers from Turkey working in different countries also continue. The Federation of Workers' Associations in Federal Germany (FIDEF) issued a statement and draw the attention of the public opinion of Federal Germany to the solidarity with the people of Turkey. In Duisburg the workers from Turkey organised a protest demonstration. On the 25th of October many organisations of workers and democratic forces from Turkey in Netherlands protested in a joint demonstration the pro-American, pro-NATO junta. On the same day the Turkish and Kurdish democrats together with their compatriots from Chile, Greece, Spain and Federal Grmeny held a joint information meeting in Frankfurt.

The European Committee of Immigrant Workers in its meeting in Rome on the 25-26th of October 1980 denounced the military dictatorship in Turkey and demanded freedom for the people of Turkey.

THE " CONSTITUTION" OF THE DICTATORSHIP HAS BEEN DECLARED

On the 27th October the pro-American and pro-NATO military dictatorship has declared the brutality law which it defined as "provisional constitution". This constitution which is made public as the continuation of the constitution of 1961 with some exceptions consists of 7 items. These are:

- 1- The constitution of 1961 is in force with some exceptions.
- 2- All rights belonging before to the parliament and to the senate consisting of 624 mps and senators are to the military junta consisting of 5 generals. (In other words, all the rights of executive and legislative belong to the military junta).
- 3- The statements of the junta issued before and which will be issued in the future can not be discussed whether they are in accordance with the constitution or not.
- 4- The decisions and the statements of the junta and the decisions of the government can not be controlled by any institution.
- 5- All appointments made and measures taken after the 12th of September 1980 with regard of the personal in state organs and institutions cannot be discussed, controlled or opposed.
- 6- The statements of the junta which are contradicting the constitution

should be regarded as changes in the constitution, and those contradicting the laws should be regarded as changes in the laws.

7- This law is in force from the 12th of September 1980 on.

The "constitution of the junta" with 7 items lead to critics among the big bourgeois press which is supporting the junta. Newspaper "Hürriyet" on the 28th of October wrote: "...To regard the statements and the decisions as changes in the constitution contradicts in one sense to the order which is to be introduced". On the same day newspaper "Milliyet" asked the question: "Does this formulation mean that there will be no real constitution and constitutional assembly?"

The radio station "Voice of the Communist Party of Turkey" in its broadcast of the 29th of October 1980 said:

"The generals of the junta say 'our laws cannot be changed, what we do cannot be controlled'. They say 'we might not follow the constitution, but the constitution must be adapted to us'. But they must not forget that there are laws they are obliged to follow. The laws of the social development, the constitution of the class struggle is working and it will work. All kinds of violence cannot stop the social development."

WHY THE LEADERS OF THE FASCIST MHP ARE ARRESTED?

The leaders of the fascist Nationalist Action Party (MHP) those responsible for the massacres in Kahramanmaraş and Çorum, the executors of the fascist terror in Turkey are arrested. Court cases will be hanged on them with the demand of different punishments.

What are the reasons of the arrests of the leaders of the fascist MHP?

—First, the mask of the MHP inside and outside of the country has fallen. The blood of thousands of patriots and democrats is on this party which is the focus of the fascist terror. The fascist party was isolated to a great extent by the anti-fascist campaigns of the CPT and of the democracy forces of our country and by the international solidarity. Therefore the military junta has to oppose the MHP, at least to arrest some of its leaders and the very well known murders. If not, nobody will believe further to its arguments claiming that the junta "is against terror".

—Secondly, the junta wants to use the fascist party as a pretext in order to hit to the left more brutally. It regards these arrests as a useful tool to hide the state terror exerted on the militants of the working class, on the peace and democracy forces. It wants to hide the tens of thousands of prisoners, the violated human rights, and the fact that progressive people are killed during tortures one after the other. The junta is trying to awake the image of "we are against the left as well as against the right forces". in order to make bloody hits against the left forces and in order to split the democracy forces.

—Thirdly, the fascist MHP and its parallel organisations were tools of imperialism and of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie in order to squeeze the struggle of the working class and of the democratic forces and to oppress them. Terrorism served as a covering for the military coup. Now imperialism and the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie have another weapon, the pro-American and pro-NATO junta. Therefore the terror of MHP has been changed with the terror of the junta for the moment.

That the leaders of the MHP are arrested is a fact, but another fact is that the paramilitary organisations having 200 000 members still remain untouched.

The junta takes no measurements against them. On the other hand the very big part of the fascists in the state and army apparatus protect their positions. The compromise of the generals of the junta with them leads to the fact that the main attack of the military dictatorship is directed to the working class and to the democratic forces of the country.

ECEVIT RESIGNED FROM PARTY LEADERSHIP ON ORDER TO PROTEST THE JUNTA

The president of the Republican People's Party (CHP) Bülent Ecevit resigned from party leadership in order to protest the law prepared by the pro-American and pro-NATO junta with regard of the political parties. On the 29th of October the general secretariat of the so called "National Security Council" made an announcement and said that Ecevit and Demirel, the leader of the Justice Party (AP) can start their political activities. The secretariat of the junta in its announcement of the next day stated that the return of the party leaders to political life does not mean that they will remain as the leaders of their parties. This last statement was in accordance with a new law which is prepared by the junta and which is limiting the period of the presidency of the political parties.

After that Ecevit sent an announcement to news agencies and declared that he has resigned from the leadership of CHP. The announcement of Ecevit was first prohibited by the junta. Then it was issued after the part where he said: "in future I will go on to work for democracy and for the freedom of the people of Turkey" were censured, but then it was banned again.

Imperialist press, especially the imperialist radio stations broadcasting in Turkish started then a very big manipulating campaign. The radio station "Voice of the CPT" in its broadcast of the 31st of October 1980 said:

"The resignation of Ecevit, president of the CHP is a direct reaction against the generals of the junta. This is not a simple resignation, but as it is stated in the announcement of Ecevit, it is a protest action against the impositions of the junta by force." The radio station "Voice of the CPT" stated that the junta declared openly its dictatorship and its democracy mask was fallen thoroughly. Reminding the appeal of the CPT on the 12th of September 1980 "Voice of the CPT" said:

"The only way to reach democracy is to overthrow the junta. This military violence regime will be overthrown by the joint resistance of all forces of democracy and freedom. After the mask of democracy of the junta has fallen and after the widening of its targets, the possibilities of common struggle against the junta has increased. Citizens whose parties are to be dissolved! Members of CHP and MSP, Kemalists, religious patriotic people, patriots in the army we must not allow to be deceived and splitted by the tricks of the junta. Unite against the junta! Listen to the voice of the communists. Turkish and Kurdish working people! Kurdish democrats and patriots! The day is the day of unity against the junta. Democratic and patriotic intellectuals, don't connive at the repressions and terror of the junta. Take your place at the side of the working class. Fight with the communist shoulder by shoulder. All progressive, patriotic and democratic forces, unite against the generals of the junta for democracy and independence. Conscious workers and working people! The victory of this struggle depends on your combat and your ability to unite all the democratic forces. The CPT will always at the frontmost line of this struggle. The junta will be overthrown and democracy will come."