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STATEMENT

Our country, our people are being subjected to ever new, planned and multifaceted onslaughts by the USA. In recent weeks, the US and NATO troops have carried out manoeuvres from the sea and air in the Aegean, and Thracian region. Alongside this show of strength, Turkish-American Common "Defence" group held a meeting in Ankara. This meeting was directed by Richard Perle, Deputy Secretary for Defence of the USA. The US Administration imposes definite tasks to Turkey in the course of their plans about transferring the Rapid Deployment Forces to the Persian Gulf, for their expansionist aims in our region and in the Middle East. The USA hides itself behind the lie of "Soviet threat" and wants continuous "strategical cooperation" between the US and Turkey. In return, the junta maintains its bargains for new loans and arms from the USA.

Americans who came to Turkey, in accordance with Common "Defence" Treaty, have visited Pirinçlik base in Diyarbakır and İncirlik base in Adana and Çiğli base in İzmir. They have checked the works for expansion of these bases.

Meanwhile, the so-called "Political and Social Research Foundation" (SİSAV) which is an establishment of the CIA, organised a "seminar". This seminar was attended by the agents of Pentagon and CIA, such as Poul Henze and Albert Wohlstetter, advisers of Reagan and the most reactionary representatives of collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie and the militarist group in Turkey. The program of the seminar had been prepared in the Headquarters of the NATO. In this seminar, they have tried to hide from our people, expansionist, adventurist aims of the US imperialism, plans for employing Turkey for this swindling initiatives and wanted to present this bankrupted way as the correct way. In accordance with "Crusade" of Reagan against forces for peace and socialism, the lie of "Soviet threat" and anti-Sovietism, anti-communism were pushed forward.

Alongside with these developments, American and Turkish heads of giant holdings, plundering businessmen came together in İstanbul. New bargains have been carried out on new concessions for foreign capital, further plundering of resources in Turkey.

The junta administration protects selfish interests of collaborating, monopolist bourgeoisie and reactionary circles. By this way, it trails speedily in the wake of expansionist US imperialism and Reagan. It makes massive terror, anti-communism and anti-Sovietism as the state policy ever more openly. Last month the junta administration began hunting operation against communists, progressives and patriots on a country-wide scale. It started a new campaign of onslaught against the CPT. Investigations, searches, arrests continues. This was declared by Evren, the head of the junta in his speech in Afyon, by his attacks against the CPT and against other democratic forces.

The main question which the whole world is interested and also the people of Turkey very closely, is the question of preventing a nuclear war and coming

against the initiatives of the USA to deploy new medium-ranged missiles in Western Europe and moving towards disarmament. This struggle is led by the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union brought new, concrete proposals in this direction to the new session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. It once more proposed prohibition of experiments of nuclear explosions totally. Previously, in April, the Soviet Administration promised to the people of the world that the Soviet Union would never be the first country using nuclear arms. The US and NATO countries kept silent before these proposals. They have never considered real disarmament. Türkmen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in his speech in the United Nations, took a stand in line with the nuclear war policy of Reagan.

Consistent peace policy of the Soviet Union is for the benefit of our people: The CPT has supported this policy and will continue to give support. In such a very dangerous period, the junta, reactionary, military dictatorship goes to referendum for a constitution which will abolish democratic rights of the people as a whole. This "constitution" is not a constitution for peace. This "constitution" is a constitution which ties our country more tightly to the aggressive policy of the US imperialism, its initiatives to increase tensions, to the "Crusade" of Reagan, to annihilation of humanity barbarously in a nuclear war. This constitution is a constitution in order to keep up this anti-popular, decayed exploitation regime.

The CPT warns all our people, all forces for peace and democracy: There is no time to lose! Let us unite against the dictatorship of the junta, against its anti-peace and anti-democratic policy, against its policy which is accorded with war preparations of the US and NATO! Let us fight against the "constitution" of the junta! No, to this barbaric law of the junta!

October 12, 1982

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

ANNOUNCEMENT

Citizens,

The day for the referendum is very close. The generals of the junta who disregarded our people as a whole, are first time asking for our votes. This is a weapon for us. We must make full use of it. We must say 'NO' to the constitution of the junta by our blue voting cards. We must tear away this constitution.

Nobody, except a handful of pro-Americans, tycoons like Koç and Sabancı, murderers like Türkeş willingly say 'yes' to this constitution. The generals of the junta know this very well. They are trying to make our people to say 'Yes', with the help, of bayonets and lies. They are trying to cover up this dark regime which is based on force of bayonets, sticks, brutality and lies. They want to carry on their rule at least seven more years.

This machination will be broken down by our 'NO' votes. Each 'NO' vote will be a blow hitting the junta.

Saying 'NO' to this constitution means to say 'NO' to the American boots on our beautiful country. It means to say 'NO' for war-maniac Reagan dragging our country and our sons into the flames of war. It means to say 'NO' to the barbarous troops, those called Rapid Deployment Forces, nuclear weapons and

missiles.

To say 'NO' to this constitution means to say 'NO' to hunger, unemployment, high prices and illiteracy. It means to say 'NO' to tortures, prisons, beating in police headquarters and searches of our residence.

To say 'NO' to this constitution means to wage a struggle for peace, independence, freedom, for democracy and human-like life.

Citizen,

Don't submit to the generals of the junta who betrayed their promises and swears to the people. Today, as high as the voices raise from factories, villages, schools, mosques and army barracks saying "Let us go to voting poles and say NO!", the generals of the junta will be further squeezed into a corner. They will be afraid of making tricks and applying brutality at the voting poles.

Say 'NO' to the this black law of the junta on 7th of November, with your blue vote! Get organised for going to the voting poles to say NO! Go to the voting poles in groups! Make them to count the votes openly, before your eyes! Make the results public at the same day, as soon as possible! Inform the papers about results!

Let us go to the voting poles in order to blow a stroke on the junta with blue 'NO' votes, on November 7!

October 18, 1982

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

STATEMENT

The junta approved the draft constitution with few minor changes. This repressive constitution of collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie and profiteers is being imposed onto our people by the force of bayonets. It is not an unexpected result for our party and for progressive public opinion. Hopes for some changes of the anti-popular provisions of the draft constitution by the generals came to naught. Moreover, the junta added a new provision to the constitution in relation with universities and youth which was taken out previously from the draft. It is an anti-youth provision.

As the junta faced with extensive protests, it had to withdraw some detail provisions from the draft in regard with payment of subscriptions in trade unions. Moreover, the constitution of the junta cuts the roots of trade union rights and freedoms. In addition, it totally prohibits young workers to come into executive organs of the trade unions.

Alongside with these, it introduces prohibitions for political activities of leaders of the political parties which were closed after September 12 coup and also for some parliamentarians. Therefore, generals are trying to leave aside not only organisations of the working class and democratic forces but also all political forces which they consider as not being on their side. The Communist Party of Turkey explained to the masses the real face of the junta continuously, day by day. Those who oppose the constitution of the junta are becoming a big force already in the society. Onslaught of the junta, just before the referendum, against our party, DISK, textile workers trade union and against the Peace Committee of Turkey, all reflect its fears. Under these conditions, it is necessary to wage more powerful struggle.

There are some pessimistic views appearing here and there about the junta that it will make people to approve this constitution anyway, no matter what the people say about. These drive to no conclusion except weakening the struggle of the masses. The CPT, specially warns our people against these demagogues which spread from Justice Party circles. These circles are talking about 'Yes' votes for the constitution in order to prevent a crisis. They console the people by saying that the constitution would be changed in future.

In reality, if this anti-popular constitution is to be approved in the referendum with the force of bayonets, present crisis will deepen further. The junta, basing itself on the votes which were taken under repression and by some tricks will be more brutal. Tearing off the constitution on November 7, will only give strength to the democratic forces. The day when people say 'no' to the junta and to its constitution, way of getting out of crisis will be cleared. Necessary prerequisites against the generals' dictatorship which is not approved by the people and for formation of a democratic government will appear.

To the voting poles in the referendum! 'NO' to the junta and to its constitution!

October 20, 1982

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT, 80 YEARS OLD

Speech made on behalf of the CC, by Tahir Yalaz, Deputy General Secretary of the CC of the CPT on the occasion of 80. birthday anniversary of Comrade İ. Bilen General Secretary of the CC of the CPT

Dear Comrade Bilen,

The CC of the CPT greets you with its most sincere and heartfelt feelings on the occasion of your 80. birthday anniversary!

Comrade Bilen, for 60 years, you have fulfilled all your tasks successfully in the ranks of our party, from basic units up to the highest organs. The party is rightly in praise of a proletarian revolutionary like you who has been brought up by the party in its ranks...

Presence of many young communists and you in the ranks of our party is a strong reply to the bourgeoisie who committed murders, Mustafa Suphi and other comrades.

During the Great Patriotic War against Hitlerism, during those days which loyalty to proletarian internationalism, Marxism-Leninism was being tested, in those hard days, you have played an important role at the higher organs of our party. You have stood against our country being dragged into war by German fascists, alongside with all peace forces who attempted to take arms against the Soviet Union. You have consistently defended friendship and fraternity between Turkey and the Soviet Union which had been established in the flames of national liberation struggle...

Today our world is again passing through the most dangerous period similar that of the post war period. Humanity came to the cross-road, one is the path led by the Soviet Union and existing socialism, the path of defence and consili-

dation of peace and the other, imposed by the Reagan Administration, provocation for war, annihilation of humanity in a thermo-nuclear war. We are facing an anti-communist, anti-Soviet crusade as it was in the cold war period. Now, our Party, as Comrade L.I. Brezhnev put it in the 26. Congress of the CPSU, considers that protection of peace is the most important question before the humanity and uses all its strength along this way. Friendship between our country and the Soviet Union is the basic principle of our party's external policy. There is no other alternative for this principle to be realised. Today even if they belong to different systems, both countries can and must live in peaceful co-existence. Comrade Bilen, being at the head of our party, you contribute to the struggle for peace in the world and in our region. Your call, "soldier return home" against occupation of Cyprus in 1974 by Turkish army, same as you had strongly stood against Korean war is the powerful evidence of our party being loyal to proletarian internationalism. We know you as a strong defender of peace and friendship among peoples...

Comrade Bilen, You joined with arms in your hands to the honourable struggle of our people in the year of 1920... The CC of the CPT bows with respect before you and before your friends and those who lost their lives in the liberation struggle... In 1925 you have arrested first time. In 1929, again anti-communist attack deprived you from your freedom. You were tried with the demand of death penalty. You have passed all these hard experiences without permitting them to trample on your communist honour. You did not stop your political activities even under arrest.

You worked in establishment of illegal communist press and many local party organisations. You have organised broadcastings of party radio and you personally directed these broadcastings...

Comrade Bilen, the CC of the CPT gives a high value to your work especially after being the General Secretary of the CC of the CPT, in 1973. Under your leadership the CPT has intensified its efforts in order to weaken March 12 reaction and played an important role in relative democratisation of country, raising the level of trade unional and political struggle, in youth, women and peace movements to make further leaps. Our party has become an indispensable contingent of the political life of our country. The CC of the CPT know you as the leading fighter and the leader of the leap period...

Today, with the September 12 coup, under the regime of the reactionary junta, the CPT again wages a glorious struggle under your leadership. Our party has faced a hard blow of the junta in May 1981 and had heavy losses. However, in a year, party has succeeded to bandage its wounds, pointed out the mistakes and showed the ways of solution. Today our party faces another onslaught. The Junta, before the referendum, has a hopeless aim such as to annihilate the CPT. This is the sign of junta's fears about its future. Comrade Bilen, under these heavy attacks, you have underlined the task of protecting the party cadres and played a great role in securing our organisations from disorganisation and being dragged into hopeless adventures.

Today, on one hand, the CPT contributes largely to the struggle of broad democratic forces against imposition of repressive constitution on our people by the junta, on the other hand, exposes plans of the US imperialism for our country in parallel with its policy of tension in the world scale. International solidarity is being organised with the democratic forces of Turkey who are under repression and thousands of them being in prison. Our party does what it can do

in order to push back the onslaught of domestic and foreign monopolies directed to the living conditions of working people...

Already, conditions are maturing in order to "blow a heavy stroke onto the junta" in the referendum. There are strong protests against steps taken along the direction of giving way to the Rapid Deployment Forces to make use of our soil. There are voices raising in the press against the lie of "Soviet threat". The junta is being increasingly protested by the democratic public opinion in Europe and the process of its international isolation deepens. Actions of relieving arrested anti-fascists strengthens. January 24 policy of the junta strongly protested by broad masses. In all these fields, as the head of the junta, Evren and his ilk had to confess, the CPT occupies an honourable place.

There are hard tasks before our working class and the CPT. We are far away from realising all tasks immediately. Here, the foremost task is to take concrete steps in the line of united front of all national democratic forces, and above all, to raise our party to the level of undefeatable class party and powerful mass organisation which directs struggles of millions.

Fulfilment of these tasks by the party depends on specially, to keep pure its Marxist-Leninist line, to tie itself closely to proletarian internationalism, to carry out its work among masses from the class positions, to protect party discipline and to continue uninterrupted struggle against sectionalism, careerism and against right and 'left' opportunist deviations from the party line. The task is to protect the cadres, above all to develop illegal activity techniques and conspiracy. Comrade Bilen, during all history of our party, you have been loyal to these principles and succeeded fulfilment of great tasks in keeping the purity of party ranks.

The CPT and all its members will raise the glorious banner of our party which opened in 1920.

Comrade Bilen we wish you long and successful years in the leadership of our party, on your 80. birthday anniversary.
(Abridged)

October 18, 1982

information

MULTI-FACETED ATTACKS OF THE US

In October, on the eve of referendum, alongside increasing repression of the junta inside the country, Turkey has been subjected to multi-faceted attacks of the US.

Sea troops carried out manoeuvres in Çanakkale and parachute groups of American Rapid Deployment Forces who landed on Keşen are only the military side of this attack. Same days, Chief of the CIA, William Casey made a secret visit to Turkey and stayed only 36 hours. As his visit became known, Prime

Minister of the junta administration had to make an explanation, but did not give any information what has been talked with the CIA Chief.

Visit of William Casey was followed by the meeting of SİSAV(Political and Social Research Foundation), on 4-5 October. This meeting was also participated by the advisers of Reagan, Albert Vohlstetter, Poul Henze and Peter Duigman.

On October 7-8, Turkish-American Common Defence group held a meeting. The US group who participated in this meeting was headed by Richard Perle, one of the assistants of Weinberger. The agenda of this meeting has been kept secret from the public.

American businessmen also had various meetings with their collaborators. All these were the political, economical side of the operation.

Latar, preparations of bases for Rapid Deployment forces were reflected in the press. Richard Perle, in one of meetings in the Turkish Embassy in Washington said that in Muş province of Turkey, a new base were to be built. This was also written by Jack Anderson in Washington Post.

It is clear now that on the eve of referendum, while the junta needs the support of the Reagan Administration more than ever, the USA brought up this question to the level that it can not be kept secret anymore. The junta administration had to make statements with the effort of trying to show that these bases were in the boundaries of NATO. These efforts of the junta however came to null with the statements of the NATO authorities that this question was only between Turkey and the USA. There was nothing to do with NATO.

Daily Milliyet, dated October 29, 1982 published an interview with the US ambassador Strausz Hupe. In this article Strausz Hupe says "These airports will be used for air reinforcement of the USA, in case of war or presence of a crisis situation."

There are ten airports in Turkey which are being enlarged for the use of Rapid Deployment forces, and additional logistic installations are being built. These works all made public by the press. The junta administration however were afraid of announcing these realities to the people. Even if after the statements of the NATO chiefs, the junta could not give a clear-cut answer to the question of whether the ten ports would be permitted for the use of Rapid Deployment Forces or not.

All these developments show that while the junta administration carries out a campaign for its constitution to be approved, behind all this noise, they are taking steps forward, trampling on the national security and independence of our country. They are applying the plans of the Reagan Administration step by step, going further in the wake of the US Administration.

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BOLIVIA

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, of the communists of our country and our people, we would like to convey our sincere congratulations to You for the great success as the achievement of hard struggles with bloodshed and self-sacrifice of the democratic forces of Bolivia under the leadership of Democratic People's Unity.

In spite of all repression, aggressiveness, tortures, threats and provocations of the military dictatorship in Bolivia, establishment of a constitutional regime which paves the way for democracy in the country as a result of militant struggle of the broad masses of people are not only the achievements for Your country. Democratic People's Unity took over the power and a new parliament which has been elected by the people in 1980 has started to work again. All these developments go over the boundaries of Your country. Unity of all democratic forces in a single front, their militant struggle are the source of strength and inspiration for the working class of Turkey and for the democratic forces of our country in their struggle for peace, democracy and national independence under the conditions of the reactionary military dictatorship.

Esteemed comrades,

We would like to wish You new and greater successes on this new stage of struggle of Bolivian people for democracy, national sovereignty and social progress.

October 12, 1982

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

MESSAGE OF COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT TO THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING, ON 30-31 OCTOBER 1982 ON 'NO, TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE JUNTA'

Dear Chairman and delegates,

On behalf on the CC of the CPT, I would like to greet with my deepest feelings this conference on 'No to the constitution of the junta'. This conference has a great value from the point of determining the common stand of all progressive forces abroad, before the referendum on November 7. Formation of such a broad common view point around the slogan 'No to the constitution of junta' will strengthen the struggle of our people against reactionary military dictatorship in the country.

Delegates of Communist, social democrat and other progressive parties, trade unions and other mass organisations of Europe who participated or announced their support are showing very valuable internationalist solidarity with democratic forces of Turkey.

This conference takes place in a period such that dangerous developments in the world and in our region created by NATO and above all, by the Reagan clique has grown more than ever. Now it is more urgent to get rid of reactionary military dictatorship in Turkey, to strengthen struggle along this way, to consolidate the unity of progressive forces and raise international solidarity. The CPT has no doubt that you will raise strong voice against the danger of thermo-nuclear war before the humanity as the result of aggressive policy of imperialist US circles, against deployment of new nuclear missiles in Europe and landing of American Rapid Deployment forces in Turkey. Because, today, struggle against the constitution of the junta, its and January 24 bankruptcy policy, struggle to rescue tens of thousands of anti-fascist prisoners and those young people who are being tried with death sentences is the inseparable part of the struggle for peace and national sovereignty. Like all humanity, there is no greater question before the people of Turkey than defending peace.

Conference will once more inform the world public opinion how the human rights have been heavily violated in Turkey.

Attitude of imperialism towards junta in Turkey who puts killing as a provision into its constitution, annihilates all basic rights and freedoms of working people, turns the country into a jail and applies barbarous national suppression onto Kurdish people clearly show the real face of imperialism and the US Administration who directs unthinkable blackening towards socialist countries by allegation of violation of human rights.

The CPT calls upon our people to go to voting polls on November 7, to say no to the constitution of the junta. On one hand, we are aiming to cooperate with all those forces who are against tearing off 1961 constitution. On the other hand, we are struggling for national democratic constitution. This constitution is a constitution which is for peace, relieves Turkey from the chains of NATO and being slave of the USA, recognises all democratic rights and freedoms, determines equal and justful co-existence of Turkish and Kurdish people on the basis of autonomy, proposes an economy for the benefit of working people against domestic and foreign monopolies, secures economic and political rights of working class and contains democratic land reform.

Dear delegates,

I wish that this conference will be a step forward towards unity of working class who never stopped fighting and all national democratic forces under heavy repression of the junta.

October 30, 1982

Communist Party of Turkey
Central Committee
General Secretary
İ. Bilen

TO COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrade Bilen,

On the occasion of this important jubilee, your 80. birthday anniversary, we would like to convey sincere greetings and best wishes of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

Our party evaluates your all life as a heroic life of a real communist. Strong class positions which you showed during the most hard times of your life, your decisiveness, modesty expresses the best traditions of working class of Turkey. You devoted your life for the ideals of freedom, independence and social justice of Turkish people. By your unbreakable loyalty to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, ideals of peace, socialism and communism, you have truly won deep respect of Czechoslovakian

communists and all progressive forces beyond the boundaries of your own country.

Dear Comrade Bilen,

We wish you health, strength, and successes in the years before you, in the struggle for happy future of working people of Turkey.

Communist Party of Czechoslovakia
Central Committee

TO COMRADE I. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrade Bilen,

On the occasion of your 80. birthday anniversary, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and on my own behalf, I convey our heartfelt wishes for happiness and militant fraternal greetings to You.

Communists of German Democratic Republic give a high value to your tireless efforts for vital interests of the working class of Turkey and for all toiling people, for strengthening the Communist Party of Turkey on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. Communists of the German Democratic Republic are in solidarity with brave struggle of communists and all democratic peace-loving forces in your country.

Your personal contributions for development of fraternal ties between the Communist Party of Turkey and the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and your active participation in strengthening of world communist movement have a special value.

Dear Comrade Bilen, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany wishes you further successes, health and creativity in your responsible work in future.

Socialist Unity Party of Germany
Central Committee
General Secretary
Erich Honecker

TO COMRADE I. BİLEN SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrade Bilen,

In the name of the Hungarian communists, the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party is sending you its warm greetings and best wishes on the occasion of your 80th birthday.

In your person we can congratulate an outstanding fighter of the international communist movement, who has devoted his life to revolutionary mission of the working class, and has waged a self-sacrificing struggle for the freedom and social progress of the Turkish people, for the proletarian internationalist unity of the international communist movement.

We wish you good health and many successes in your struggle for social progress and the peace of mankind.

With communist greetings
Central Committee
Hungarian Socialists Workers' Party

COMRADE I. BİLEN SECRETARY GENERAL, COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrade Bilen,

On the occasion of your 80th birthday please accept our cordial, fraternal greetings.

It is with deep respect that we approach your struggle for the vital interests of the working masses of Turkey. Your consistent activity so faithfully committed to the ideals of marxism-leninism and international solidarity has won for yourself deep respect amongst the international communist and workers' movement, well serving the cause of its unity.

We wish you, Dear Comrade Bilen, good health and further fruitful activity for the benefit of your people, party and for our common cause-socialism and peace.

Central Committee
Polish United Workers' Party

COMRADE I. BİLEN GENERAL SECRETARY, COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrade I. Bilen,

The multinational collective of the journal World Marxist Review is sending you its heartfelt greetings on your 80th birthday and wishes you the best of health and every success in your noble activity for the good of the working class and all the other working people of Turkey.

With communist greetings,
Yuri SKLYAROV
Editor-in-Chief,
WORLD MARXIST REVIEW

DEAR COMRADE I. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrade,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and all the struggling and revolutionary people of our country and on my own behalf, I extend my heartfelt felicitations to You, the prominent figure of the world Communist movement and respectable leader of the CPT and all the working people of Turkey, on the occasion of Your 80th birth anniversary.

Our party and people are fully aware of and value with great estimation Your prideful life, more than sixty years of which have been spent as member of the CPT on the way of serving the toiling and oppressed masses of your country in the struggle against colonialism and fascist-type dictatorship, as also against the aggressive military pacts and the neo-colonial influence.

Your participation in the international Communist and working class movement and in the consolidation of the principles of proletarian internationalism, and Your tireless work in the Comintern and the invaluable experiences which You learnt for the further enrichment of the treasure of Marxism-Leninism, are of extraordinary importance for the CPT and all the Communists of the world.

The PDPA and all the revolutionary people of our country have been gratefully enjoying the solidarity of your prideful party, despite the difficult conditions confronting you, since the outset of the victory of the national democratic revolution in our country.

Esteemed Comrade İ.Bilen,

While wishing You from bottom of our hearts longlife, full health, energy and further success in Your revolutionary struggle and work for consolidation of peace, democracy, freedom, national independence, social progress, welfare and happiness of the Turkish people, and in the struggle against the exploiting classes, domestic forces of reaction and imperialism, we hope that the existing fraternal ties between our parties and peoples shall ever more develop and expand on the basis of the principles of proletarian internationalism.

With revolutionary greetings
Babrak Karmal,
General Secretary,
Central Committee,
People's Democratic Party of
Afghanistan

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of the Central Committee of AKEL and the Cypriot working class in general I extend to you, on the occasion of the 80th birthday of the Secretary General of your Party comrade İ.Bilen, our profound appreciation, our sincere feelings of fraternal sentiments and congratulations, wishing him many more years of fruitful and creative work in the leadership of your glorious Communist Party.

The continuous active participation for 60 years now, of Comrade İ.Bilen, in the Party work and since 1927 in its Central Committee, undoubtedly marks the whole of his life to the struggle for the liberation of the working class and the people of Turkey.

Comrade İ.Bilen is recognised and highly appreciated by the international communist movement as a wise leader and militant fighter who dedicated the whole of his life to the struggle for the liberation of the working class and the people of Turkey.

In this efforts and activities against imperialist aggression and capitalist exploitation comr. İ. Bilen has been several times imprisoned, for many years. Till our days his persecution, together with thousands of other militant Turkish patriots is continued, by the military junta of Evren.

On the occasion of the 80th birthday of comrade İ. Bilen the Cypriot communists bring back to their minds the many years of close collaboration in the common struggle against american imperialism and NATO conspiracies, in particular, for a just, workable and durable solution of the problem of Cyprus, as well as for the restoration of democracy and human rights in your country, for real freedom and independence for the people of Turkey. Without foreign bases and imperialist presence in our region.

On the occasion of the 80th birthday of our comrade İ. Bilen, once again many wishes for personal health and many successes in the struggle for reviving and revitalising the Communist Party of Turkey, the real vanguard of the patriotic forces of your country.

Sincerely yours,
E. Papaioannou
Secretary General of AKEL C.C.

TO COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrade,

On behalf of the French Communist Party, I would like to convey my best wishes on the occasion of your 80th birthday anniversary.

By making use of this opportunity, I once more convey the active solidarity of French communists with your struggle against the dictatorship in your country.

You can be sure that we will continue and intensify our efforts at all levels against repression directed to thousands of man and women, for all democratic rights, specially trade union rights and freedoms, for legalisation of your party.

I once more wish you best wishes and convey our fraternal greetings.

French Communist Party
Secretariat

COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrade,

We are pleased to express to you our warm fraternal greetings on the occasion of your 80th birthday.

In all these years, you have given a glorious communist example how revolutionaries should dedicate all their efforts and energies to achieving the noble aims of the party, the working class and the people. The role you played in the Communist Party of Turkey is a great contribution to the struggle of this fraternal party and the brotherly Turkish people. Many times during your life, you faced the class enemies in various forms, including its ugliest-fascism and bloody dictatorships. Communists are proud of your heroism in face of all difficulties and hardships and your steadfastly defending the banner of Marxism-Leninism. The Iraqi communists, who together with the Iraqi people face today a bloody dictatorship which utilizes fascist methods, highly appreciate your heroic fight against this evil to mankind wherever it rises its ugly head.

Your internationalist role was expressed in various ways: in your steadfastly upholding the principles of proletarian internationalism; in representing the CPT in the Comintern; in your participation in many internationalist meetings and forums of the communist and workers parties; and many other manifestations. Your stands of internationalist solidarity with the Arab Peoples, including the Iraqi people, and your continuous support for their struggle against aggression and repression and for independence, democracy and social progress are met with our deep esteem and respect.

The CC of our party is confident that the fraternal relationship between our two parties, which you played an important role in cementing, will strengthen and develop further our struggles for our common cause.

Once again, dear Comrade, we express our best wishes for further struggle to achieve the aims of the Turkish working class and people, for our common cause-communism and for peace. Best greetings and a long life filled with successes.

Fraternally yours
Central Committee of the Iraqi Communist Party

COMRADE İ.BİLEN: GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT

On the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of your birthday, the CC of the CPT sends you its comradely congratulations and wishes you many years still with good health for the continuation of your creative work, for the national and social liberation of the working-class and of the Turkish people.

Dear Cde Bilen, in you the Greek communists and progressive people of our country, greet the consistent Marxist-Leninist comrade, tried and tested veteran of the hard class struggles for the cause of the Turkish working-class; they greet the General Secretary of the CC of the CPT of Turkey, distinguished personality of the Turkish and international communist and workers' movement. They appreciate especially your contribution to the strengthening and development of the fraternal bonds between the CPG and the CPT, and of the friendship between the Greek and Turkish peoples. They deeply appreciate your contribution to the fight for the defence of the purity of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and of proletarian internationalism, for the unity and common activity of the communists and workers' parties in the struggle against imperialism and reaction, for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism.

The Central Committee of the CPT

COMRADE İ. BİLEN: GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT

On behalf of the Presidential Board of the German Communist Party, I convey heartfelt solidarity greetings to You: on your 80. birthday anniversary.

You, at a very young age, gained experiences of barbarism of the exploitation system of capitalism, joined the struggle against imperialist expansionists, became a member of the revolutionary party of your country, of the working class, the CPT.

Since then, you have waged a struggle decisively, for the interest of the working people of Turkey, as a patriot. You worked with all your strength for unity, integrity and for increasing strength of the international communist and workers' movement as an fervent internationalist. All these, made you to win respect among communists of Federal Germany.

Your 80. birthday anniversary is at a time when your country kept under repression of reactionary militarist clique which is supported by imperialism and especially, by the US and FRG imperialism.

The Communist Party of Turkey, as other democratic organisations and parties is banned, up today. Even if this is being very painful, we know that reactionary regime will not last forever and we share this belief with you, with communists of Turkey.

Communists of Turkey, with the support of powerful international solidarity movement, in close cooperation and in joint struggle, with other progressive and democratic forces will overcome reactionary forces, exploitation and pro-imperialist collaborators and will have Turkey which is really democratic, peace-loving and symbolises social progress.

In this struggle, Comrade İ. Bilen being at the head of the Communist Party of Turkey, You had and have a great contribution. On your 80. birthday anniversary, we heartfeltdly wish you further successes in the struggle for freedom of people, in the struggle for strengthening the CPT, the revolutionary militant party of the working class of your country, struggle for its unity and integrity. We wish you further successes in the struggle for unity and integrity of progressive democratic forces of Turkey. We wish you health, happiness and creative strength in your future life on the way of well-being of the peoples of Turkey.

German communists feel deep respect for your successes and also successes of the communist Party of Turkey.

We will continue to unite this with our insurance for our support to the struggle of communists and other progressive democratic forces of Turkey by all means.

Communist greetings
Chairman of the German Communist Party
Herbert Mies