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APPEAL

Our world, our beautiful Turkey, today, more than ever is confronted with the danger of a nuclear war. There will be neither a winner nor a loser of such a war which in a stroke annihilates all humanity and civilisation, the product of labour for hundred years.

Those who try to drag mankind to such an abyss are the US circles who strive to establish their own hegemony in the world. Source of the danger is the mad-like adventurous policy of Reagan Administration. The Soviet Union and other socialist countries try to do everything in their power, in order to save mankind from this danger, to protect peace and to stop arms race and to maintain security. Socialist countries make new initiatives along this direction, day in day out.

Recently, series of proposals made by Warsaw Treaty countries on January 5, 1983 create new and great opportunities for preservation of world peace, solvation of the most important and primary question of present day. Now, it is the turn of leaders of the NATO countries. If they adopt the proposal of treaty for mutually non-use of military force and other proposals in connection with this, nuclear disarmament in the way to guarantee security of all countries and the world peace. It is possible to go further for complete and general disarmament, extinguish all hot-beds of war in the world.

NATO chiefs, pro-NATO circles in Turkey claim that NATO is not aggressive, but it is a defence organisation. They however, do not respond to the proposals of Warsaw Treaty states for a treaty of mutual non-aggression pact.

In contrary, last week, secret plans of Pentagon became known and it showed that the USA Administration makes preparations for a protracted nuclear war against socialist countries. B. Rogers, Commander-in-Chief of NATO, in his recent statement said that NATO would resort to the first nuclear strike, no matter what happens.

There are American nuclear weapons in NATO-member country, Turkey. American 6. Fleet which frequently enter our harbours is loaded with nuclear weapons. Last year, in December, Strauzs-Hupe, the US embassodor in Turkey talked about new nuclear weapons which would be deployed by the NATO in Turkey. All these nuclear arms are directed to our neighbouring socialist countries. In this situation, it is obvious that Turkey will be a nuclear graveyard in the very first minutes of a possible nuclear war.

All the plans and aggressive aims of Reaganites are very clear. But the junta administration, without any reason rejects socialist countries' proposals which are fully in accordance with interests of Turkey from the point of its national security.

It can not leave the track of the US Administration in NATO. In contrary, it allocates new bases for the US Rapid Deployment Forces, 6. Fleet and AWACS planes. It secretly signs new bilateral treaties with the USA. By this, it paves the way for aggression and encourage it.

Day in day out, a new American general, a military delegation visit our country. They control the bases which have been enlarged recently. All our neighbouring countries, all peoples of the Middle East see Turkey now as an American barrel directed to themselves.

Nobody in Turkey will be benefited by such a war attempted by the US Administration. The junta Administration argue that it is necessary to relieve US "aids" in order to pull out Turkey from deep economic crisis and to modernise the army. It defends allocation of new bases for the USA in such a way. However, what drags the economy into crisis is dependence on, above all the USA and NATO. That is the USA and NATO who have not equipped the army and applied embargo for years. Then, what will happen to Turkey after a world scale nuclear war which is started by the US administration using the bases in Turkey also. Even if it came out of crisis, what will be left out of economy? Even if it is modernised, would there be anything before the army rather than becoming ashes of a nuclear war?

Nuclear bombs differentiate neither classes nor ideology, neither the rich, nor the poor.

The CPT, do not recognise the National Security Council as an legitimate administration who grasped the destiny of our country by force. The CPT has been confronted by the heaviest and the most barbarous attacks, despite, today the CPT with the anxiety of protecting our peoples' rights of living, national entity with deep sense of responsibility, says: National Security Council should give a positive reply to the proposals of Warsaw Treaty. This is not a joking matter. Being dragged along with Reaganites means pushing Turkey into the flames.

The CPT has a deep concern for the future of our country. This concern is shared by broad forces, from pro-Atatürk circles, to the national islamic movement. Our people do not want to be burned in the flames of a nuclear war for the selfish interests of the US imperialism.

- Ankara should immediately give a positive reply to the peace proposals of socialist countries.

- All peace-lovers, patriots immediately should be released. All anti-democratic barriers for raising the demand for peace should be removed.

Our people should be free in order to hold the hands of war provocators.

The CPT call upon all citizens to give their efforts actively, to get organised and raise their voices for peace. A nuclear war is not our destiny, it can be prevented. Peace movement, extending from the socialist countries to the US Congress is together with us. If we struggle for peace with all our strength, we can save our country, Turkey being annihilated in the hands of mad Americans. There is no time to lose!

January 20, 1983

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

APPEAL

The justification for the profound concern expressed by the peace forces in Turkey has already been proved. It was announced that the USA has formed a new "Central command" involving 19 countries. in West Asia and the Middle East and started to operate on January 1, 1983. The task of the above-mentioned command is to make plans for combative acts and manoeuvres in the region and to use its troops comprising of 200 thousand soldiers, the so-called "Rapid Deployment Forces" in war and in interference in the internal affairs of 19 countries.

By putting this new "Central Command" into operation, the USA has taken a new step towards preparations for war in our region. This is the new proof of aggressive policy of the US imperialism. This decision undoubtedly is a link in militarist preparations on a world-wide scale, nuclear armament policy and hegemonistic attempts of the US imperialism. The US imperialist circles declare all countries which are thousands of miles away from the US, as their "zone of interest". They announce their desire to interfere right of sovereignty of peoples in the region and more over, to control the ways of energy and raw material resources.

What is the place of Turkey in these aggressive plans of the USA The generals evade this question and do not give an equivocal answer. They are trying to calm down growing protest in the public opinion against the "Rapid Deployment Forces" and against attempts of the US imperialism which whip up the danger of a nuclear war. They are banning pro-Atatürk and national islamic news papers who try to expose the real situation and trying to terrorize all forces for peace and democracy and above all, the communists.

Sphere of action of the US "Central Command" includes all our south and south east neighbours. This command is not independent from the US-Israeli strategical cooperation treaty. This command can not be taken separately from a series of agreements between Turkey and the US and attempts of enlarging NATO and the US bases in Turkey. It is clear that they have given a dangerous role to Turkey in this aggressive plan.

A secret document dated March 22, 1982 and signed by Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary of the USA recently has been made public and this document verifies all these mentioned above. According to this document which has been kept secret from our people for exactly one year, American bases in Turkey would be enlarged, war planes of the US air forces would be stationed in these bases. The most important fact is that the Turkish troops will be kept ready in order to be connected to the Persian Gulf and if it is necessary, American troops will be brought to Turkey from southern Europe.

Facts prove that this plan is being applied step by step. "Consensus agreement" which was signed between Turkey and the USA on November 29, 1982 is closely related to the US plans about the Middle East. H. Bayülken, the Defence Minister, in his statement of January 26, 1983, although he tried to hide the reality, announced that military bases of NATO and the USA on our soil have been enlarged and if it was necessary, foreign troops of NATO would come into these bases. It is obvious that militarist circles in Turkey give support to this plan of the USA.

Now, Turkey has been confronted with growing dangers more than ever. This danger comes not from the Soviet Union but from NATO and Pentagon who

want to station Rapid Deployment Forces and new nuclear arms on to our soil and push Turkey into wars against countries of the region and the Persian Gulf for the imperialist interests. Presence of a military dictatorship in Turkey increases the dangers further.

The CPT is in solidarity in the struggle against imperialism with the peoples of those 19 countries who were included involuntarily in the sphere of action of the US "Central Command". The CPT will not hesitate from any sacrifice in order to stop the use of our country by the US imperialism against fraternal peoples as a striking force, by means of this "command". Plans of the USA sharply contradicts the national interests of Turkey.

A regional war to be launched in the Middle East and Turkey escapably dragged into such a war, can push the whole world in a nuclear catastrophe. Nobody can behave irresponsibly before such an adventure. The CPT once more warns the generals and their government: When there is still time, stop committing new irreparable crimes against our country and our people!

There is an immediate, historical and undelaying task before the forces of peace, national independence and democracy. We are capable to defend peace, to save our country getting annihilated in a nuclear war and to save Turkey not to make a tool of aggression against peoples of the region. Now, whoever wants democracy, social rights and the most important of all, the right to live should fight for peace. Let us use every opportunity as it was in the days of struggle before the referendum for the Constitution. Let us protest new aggressive policy of the US imperialism and the junta who pushes Turkey into adventures. Let us raise our voices for peace, against nuclear armaments and the danger of war, for friendship with the peoples of 19 countries of the region, and with all neighbouring countries.

- Rapid Deployment Forces shall not pass!
- Stop the US Central Command and the junta!

January 27, 1983

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

from party organs

WE CAN ONLY WIN THROUGH STRUGGLES BOTH, ECONOMIC-SOCIAL RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS

Whenever the working class expresses their economic and social demands, they face with the reply of the junta saying "economy has not been recovered yet, therefore you should sacrifice more..." The petty bourgeois and liberal bourgeois circles who pay serious consideration to the utterings of the junta for transition to democracy, say to the worker "be careful, stop, otherwise process of transition to democracy can be destroyed." And some, despite realising that the "transition to democracy of the junta is nothing else but

only a sheer deception, say: "what else can be done, it is impossible to pass into democracy without rehabilitation of economy" and by this, they console themselves.

All these circles, willingly or unwillingly are forced to accept this reality: Turkey enters new year under worse conditions of economy as compared with previous years. Utterings of "Turkey, who can stay without external debts", "Turkey, the most powerful country of the Middle East", "Great contractors, "heroic exporters", "modern and productive State Economic Enterprises", all these forgotten for a long time. Collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie who have claimed that Turkey would find its way now is in fight of "who will go out of business and who will survive".

In the year of 1982, in industry and services, in more than half of the 116 branches which were observed continuously by the State Planning Organisation, production has been dropped. There has not been a single data showing any increment in agricultural production. There are great drops in investments. Stocks have been increased. Increase in import have been slowed down. Inflow of workers' remittances decreased. Turkish lira lost more than 40 % value against dollar. More than 35 % money has been injected into circulation. Budget deficit was at least 150 billion. Even supporters of the junta like Metin Toker, in relation with economic situation had to state that there were dark views for the future.

The junta showed the rate of enflation lower with the help of false calculation and by working out wages, salaries and state fixed minimum prizes, it dropped the real wages of the working people at least 15-20 % in 1982.

New year will not be any different. The junta will go along the way to deepen social unequivalances and class contradictions further. Some people argued that the policy of Kafaoglu, the Minister of Finance would be somehow different than the January 24 policy. What came out from the parcel of Kafaoglu, the Minister of Finance of the junta administration was nothing else but some measures to strengthen big banks and monopolies further.

Effects of the crisis in the capitalist world are reflected many times greater in Turkey, moreover, even the recent report of OECD came out in December, states that in the year of 1983 there can not be expected any sign of way out of crisis in any of the capitalist countries. Additionally, in 1983, Turkey has to start to pay millions of external debts which had been postponed. It is clear that contradictions with with Common Market will further deepen.

In such a gloomy view of the economy, such realities are very clear: The junta will put the heavy burden on the shoulders of the working people in 1983. Under these conditions, the junta does not want to recognise any democratic liberties to the working people. The junta knows very well that even the smallest democratic right owned by the working people will be used by them in their struggle for immediate economic and social demands. The junta knows that itself will be helpless against the army of unemployed and starving people (how many of the 45 million left out of this army?) The junta knows very well that in the state of sharpened contradictions among the ruling class, if conditions of repression loosened, the situation will be further aggravated.

If workers, peasants, civil servants want to gain and expand their economic and social rights which they had lost, they should wage a decisive struggle. Brutality of the junta can only be blown out by force, massive force of the people and democratic rights can only be regained through struggles.

The working class will neither believe the lies that it was necessary rehabilitation of the economy first for transition to democracy nor to the lies about that struggle for economic and social rights would be harmful for transition to democracy. In contrary, struggle for economic and social rights will push back the junta, force him to make concessions and create a base for achievement of democratic rights. Every right achieved and taken from the junta by force, will be the means of struggle for new economic and social rights.

Atılım, January 1, 1983

information

"PROCESS OF TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY" OF THE JUNTA

DANGEROUS COURSE IN THE WAKE OF THE US IMPERIALISM

The reactionary military junta of Turkey, while preferred to keep silence for the peace proposals of the socialist countries, continues to trail in the wake of the US imperialism. The junta administration does not give any reply to the proposal of Balkans being a nuclear free region, but approved the plans of NATO for nuclear armament and gave a positive reply to the USA in relation with use of soil of Turkey for Rapid Deployment Forces. According to the plans of the USA, bases and airports have been enlarged. The secret document about this plan dated March 22, 1982 and signed by Weinberger, the Defence Secretary of the USA, has been made public after one year. The most dangerous part of this plan is that Turkish armed forces would be kept ready for connection to the Persian Gulf and if it is necessary American troops from south Europe would be brought to Turkey.

In January, General Billy Winter, Commander of Air Force of the USA in Europe and Air Force Commander of NATO visited Ankara. This visit was followed by the visit of Admiral John Williams, the chief of the logistics Department of the US Commandership of Navy.

First part of the Leopard tanks of which total cost is about 600 million DM were received in January. General N.Ersin, the Commander in Chief of the Land Forces and the member of the junta made a speech for the occasion of delivery ceremony and stated that modernisation of Turkish air forces would be continued. He also stressed: "Turkey with strong capability of defence is important not only for its defence but also for the defence of NATO of which Turkey occupies critical place..." and continued: "Turkey, in order to fulfil the task of defence of the alliance, assigned the maximum amount of its own sources for this aim." What he means is that the amount assigned for armament is not enough and he asks for more tanks, more war planes and altogether more arms. Accord-

ing to the plans of NATO, in order to be a trembling board of the NATO, the junta needs more arms. That is what general Ersin tries to tell.

HEAVY BLOW ONTO THE PRESS

Onslaught of the junta against honest journalists, and progressive writers has intensified from the first days of the new year. Legal proceedings against O. Akbal, a columnist, and O. Gönensin, Editor-in Chief of the daily Cumhuriyet has started. O. Akbal was accused of stating his own view and giving a hint to the readers how to use their votes for the constitution in the referendum. He was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment. Another trial against Fatih Güllapoğlu for his article under the heading "wheat producers are in difficulty" continues. Prosecutor has demanded imprisonment for F. Güllapoğlu and the Editor-in-Chief of the Cumhuriyet from 3 months up to one year. Another trial has started against head columnist of Cumhuriyet, Nadir Nadi, for his article on the January 23, 1983 issue of the paper. The article was written in 1961 and it was published again by the writer. At the end of the month, dailies, Cumhuriyet and "Milli Gazete" were banned by given no reason, for uncertain period of time.

In early January, the trial began against 17 leaders and a member of the Writers Union of Turkey. Among the leaders of the union are A. Nesin, a well-known writer, A. Behramoğlu, famous poet and the winner of the International Lotos literary prize, A. Bezirci, Adnan Özyalcıner, Demirtaş Ceyhun, Bekir Yıldız, Tekin Sönmez and others. In the indictment of the military prosecutor, they are being charged by union being in relation with other mass organisations like DİSK, teachers association (TÖB-DER), Progressive Women's Association (İKD), Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD), supporting the abolition of 141 and 142 articles of the Turkish Penal Code, organising meetings for commemoration of well-known poet Nazım Hikmet. Military prosecutor demands 8-15 years of imprisonment for the leaders of the Writers Union of Turkey.

On the other hand, bans on books continue. Arif Damar, a poet has been charged for "communist propaganda" in his book published in 1965, and his book was seized. The book headed "For a New Republic" written by Y. Küçük a lecturer in Gazi University has also been banned by the same accusation. Legal proceedings against Y. Küçük has started with the demand of 8 years imprisonment.

Blow of the military regime onto freedom of press and its trembling on the right of freedom of expression is widely protested outside the country. Especially, ban on publication of daily Cumhuriyet caused raise of protests in public opinion of Europe. Director of the International Press Institution sent a message to K. Evren, the head of the junta and protested trials of Oktay Akbal and Okay Gönensin. He demanded that sentences given to these journalists should be lifted and stated that violation of human rights and freedoms of press once more creates deep concern. He said: "We demand that sentences given to O. Akbal and O. Gönensin who are well-known journalists should be lifted and publication of daily Cumhuriyet should start again without any obstacle. Ban on Cumhuriyet and Milli Gazete has also created voices of protest in the European Parliament.

LECTURERS, SCIENTISTS ARE ALSO TARGETS OF THE JUNTA

Heavy repression of the junta onto press and writers goes in parallel with its onslaught against lecturers and scientists and altogether against the higher education circles. In many universities of the country, it is impossible to continue education, due to applications of "Higher Education Board". Many directors who have been appointed directly by the junta administration are pro-Nationalist Action Party and some of the names are even in the indictment of trial against the NAP. These new appointments are followed by new dismissals with given no reason. Imposition of education programmes, single type of books, all applications totally annihilates the autonomy and independence of higher educational institutions. All these implementations created wide protests in the university circles. Because of these anti-democratic applications, many lecturers began to leave the university. Among them are well-known researchers doctors, professors and lecturers in law and constitution.

Lately, according to the new decision of the Higher Education Board, personal appearances of the lecturers and university students have been fixed by some rules. Having beard and mustache have been banned. Style of boots, coats of the women have also fixed by law. As there exists many problems in the higher education, broad circles criticised extensively these new decisions of the Higher Education Board.

While unrestness and disorder increases further in the universities, the head of the junta got the title of honorary professor by those who were appointed by the junta. In the ceremony Evren once more underlined in his speech: "as in other fields, in this field, there also will be those who can not coordinate their steps with us and they will have to leave." What he means is that the junta administration will not allow any opposite view in the higher education circles also.

MORE ARRESTS AND BRUTALITY

Repression and terror increasingly continues. Especially brutality in jails is extraordinarily intensified. The latest event known by the public was brutality of Mamak prison authorities in Ankara. About 30 women prisoners were put into coffins of 75 centimeter width and 175 centimeter length. Coffins were put upwards so that the person inside should be in standing position all the time. In the same prison, visit of the families of 50 women prisoners were banned. They were allowed to be met only with their lawyers, but this also takes place in presence of tens of soldiers.

In January, number of death penalties were increased. In one month with 5 more death penalties the total number got over 30.

Trials against the CPT, DİSK and the Peace Committee of Turkey continues with cross-examinations. A trial of 759 progressives, for 168 of them death penalties were demanded has started in January. This trial against the left organisation, Dev Yol is known as the trial with highest number of demand for death penalty.

18 youngmen are being tried for posting cards which call the people the use "no" votes for the constitution of the junta. They are being accused of working in the line with the campaign which started by the CPT for opposition against the new constitution in the referendum.

With the allegation of the junta about process of transition to democracy,

intensive work has been carried out by the Consultative Assambly whose members were appointed by the junta, for new laws on trade union, collective bargaining, strike and lock-out, the law on political parties. Another new law prepared about "state of emergency". According to this law, the government is entitled to declare state of emergency and further limit the basic human rights and freedoms.

In January, Metin Denizmen, Chairman of Bank-Sen (Trade Union of employees in banking, and commerce) was deprived of his citizenship.

Limitation of basic human rights and freedoms and above all, trade unional rights in Turkey has been underlined again by the world Federation of Trade Unions in its weekly Flashes, dated January 20, 1983. The article headed "The new 'Constitution' a sop to public opinion" says:

"It is worth remembering that other trials of leaders of seven unions affiliated to this big centre (DİSK) have recently begun. All are faced with harsh prison sentences of up to twenty years; 24 are from BANK- SEN (affiliated to the Commerce Workers' TUI and the Public Service Workers' TUI), 28 from TEKSTİL (affiliated to the Chemical TUI), 24 from PETKİM- İŞ (affiliated to the chemical TUI), 27 from BASIN-İŞ, 51 from GIDA-İŞ and 16 from LASTİK-İŞ. In addition, 18 well-known writers, some of them leaders of the writers' union, are facing prison sentences of from eight to fifteen years."

In the same article it was stated that the ILO sent a direct contacts mission to Turkey from July-12 to July 22, 1982.

According to the article, the ILO committee on Freedom of Association submitted its latest report to the 221st session of the Governing Body in November 1982. Its conclusions and recommendations are witness to the worsening trade union situation in Turkey, marked by the extension of the DİSK trial and the imposition of the new Constitution by armed force.

It writes:

"As regards the DİSK trial, ... the Committee urges the government to take steps to ensure that the trial is brought to an end as rapidly as possible. It considers that measures of clemency, such as the release of the persons concerned, or at least the abandonment of the plea for the death penalty, would contribute to reducing the tension that remains as a result of their continued detention."

The ILO Committee on Freedom of Association:

"Urges the government to take rapid steps to lift all the measures imposed following the declaration of martial law in the country and which led not only to the suspension of various trade union organisations but which resulted in the suspension of practically all trade union activity."

**TO COMRADE NIKOLAI CEAUSESCU,
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ROMANIA**

Esteemed comrade N. Ceausescu,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, on behalf of the communists, and the working class of Turkey congratulates your 65. birthday anniversary and convey our best wishes.

You have been struggling in the first ranks of the communist movement from very young ages. You have been at the forefront in the struggle against fascism and war. You did not move even an inch away from the struggle for the working class. After collapse of the fascist Antonescu regime, you actively participated in construction of socialism in your country. Communists of our country know you as a respectable leader of the working class of Romania and the world communist movement.

Dear comrade N. Ceausescu,

On your 65. birthday anniversary, we wish you health, happiness, well-being and successes in your responsible work.

January 25, 1983

Communist Greetings,
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey