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APPEAL OF THE LEFT UNITY

Workers,
Turkish and Kurdish all working people,
Patriotic youngmen, intellectuals,
All compatriots who want democracy,

On the eve of May Day, the LEFT UNITY appeals you. It calls upon you to close up your ranks and raise your voice on May Day, the day of international unity, struggle and solidarity of the working class.

Evren, Özal, the imperialists behind them and collaborating holdings assert that Turkey has returned to democracy. What kind of democracy is that? Is it possible to talk about democracy in a country where the working class has no political rights, the trade union organisation of the working class, namely DİSK is banned, trade union rights is not used freely, no collective bargaining except those imposed by the government by the organisations of the employers can be made, the right to strike is practically wiped out? Can democracy exist in a country where celebration of May Day, the day of unity of the workingmen is banned?

In a country where the people are tortured, arrested, executed because of their political beliefs and acts, the people can not express their beliefs and opinions without any fear, where the political parties, press, radio, television and the universities are under pressure, in a country where the sovereignty is in the hands of the over-parliamentarian forces, no one can claim that democracy exists.

While a heavy oppression and slaughter over the Kurdish people continues, while the existence and democratic rights of the Kurdish nation is not recognised, how can we say that we live in a democratic country?

Today, our workers, peasants, public employees, small shop owners and craftsmen, patriotic intellectuals are grips with unemployment and high cost of living, no workingman can feel secure about his future, economy is confronted with a threat of total collapse.

While the working people is forced to live in poverty and under the most painful conditions, the top rulers provide millions of liras worth racketeering opportunities for the holding companies, big capitalists and for their relatives. Evren-Özal administration surrenders the whole wealth of the country to the imperialist companies, to the foreign banks and to the international users' network.

In last five years, Turkey and Kurdistan of Turkey have almost turned into the farmhouse of the US imperialism. Everywhere is plotted for the US military bases. These bases create tensions between our country and our neighbours. In the case of a war, they carry the danger of turning our land into a desert.

Our peoples want jobs, bread and freedom, want neither war nor adventures. They are longing for a honourable and non-yielding life. This desire is so strong that it feels itself in every field and in every region.

WHY THE USA INCITES ARMENIAN TERRORISM

In order to prevent our peoples to satisfy their desires, to carry on their plunder and racketeering and because for the fear of the people, the Evren-Özal dictatorship is not at all inclined to recognize democratic rights and freedoms.

Dictatorships however are weak. Today the broadest forces stand against the Evren-Özal administration. The ranks of those who condemn fascism and feel the need of democracy broadens every other day. If all forces who want democracy unite, it will not be so difficult to get rid of the dictatorship. That is possible, it is not a dream. But if the democratic forces do not put aside the differences among themselves for a time being and can not succeed to get united for democracy, Evren-Özal and ilks will gain time through new ploys to extend their bloody and dirty rule. And that will bring no other result rather than further spread of hunger, poverty and unemployment, our country's further squeeze in the grip of imperialists, more pain and more tears.

LEFT UNITY has proved the possibility of getting united against the enemies of the people. LEFT UNITY appeals all forces who want to get rid of the Evren-Özal administration, everyone who demand democracy to rally around.

Since September 12, 1980, May Day is outlawed. Those who put the ban on May Day, are the ones who are afraid of the unification of the workers, peasants, intellectuals, the youth, Turkish and Kurdish all toiling people. Those are the ones who get irritated by the workers getting together with their class brothers in all other capitalist and socialist countries shoulder to shoulder for the common aims, to heighten the demand for democracy and socialism.

Since September 12, 1980, conscious workers, revolutionary intellectuals by taking every risk, have not stopped celebrating May Day, raising their demand for freedom on the day of unity. They will do the same this year. Of course, our celebration is different than those May Days when hundreds of thousands met in the squares. But the May Day is vivid and leads the way of struggle for all working people.

Workers, Turkish and Kurdish toiling people, patriotic youth, intellectuals, all compatriots who desire for democracy,

Rally around on the May Day, raise your voice! Do not allow the dictatorship, bosses, reactionary forces to split you!

In order the ban on the May Day to be lifted, for free collective bargaining and right to strike, for release of political prisoners and a general amnesty, for freedom of thought and organisation, for stop of racist-chauvinistic oppression, slaughter against the Kurdish people, stop of tortures and executions, for **DEMOCRACY**,

For annulment of treaties with the USA and the IMF and dismantle of the US bases,

Let us unite our forces against the Evren-Özal dictatorship, let us strengthen the solidarity among us, let us get organised for the defense of our own interests! Let us rally around LEFT UNITY in the struggle for **JOBS-BREAD-FREEDOM**.

April 20, 1985

LEFT UNITY

In April, all Armenians all over the world remember with sorrow the genocide conducted against the Armenian nation 70 years ago, in the year of 1915.

At the same time, the relatives of Turks who were the victims of unjust and purposeless Armenian terror feel sorrow. It is necessary to see the realities that created sorrow.

Enver Pasha, and Talat Pasha who dragged Turkey into the First World War by the impositions of German imperialism, caused the slaughter of not only Armenians but also of millions of Turkish working people in that unjust war. Then they surrendered the country to the imperialists and run away.

Now, in the 70th year of Armenian genocide, every Turkish patriot should neither forget those who stamped this black mark on the forehead of Turkish nation nor the historical facts. They must see that collaboration with imperialism, unjust wars bring nothing else but great pain and ruin and should stand against the efforts of inserting hostility among the peoples.

The USA seems like patronizing the Armenian question. That should not confuse anyone. In reality, the USA acts hypocritically. Why the USA who directly gives support to the regime in our country, is being more royalist than the king on the Armenian question? What is the true purpose of the USA?

What the USA wants that the "Armenian question" keeps its currency all the time and secretly equip the Armenian terrorist organisations, some chauvinistic, reactionary Armenian groups and to finance them. It infiltrates them and tries to keep them under its control. It disseminates the dream about "independent Armenian state", provokes anti-Sovietism. At same time, it wants to drive terrorism into the lands of the socialist countries. It is known that the USA attempted such a provocation in the past in Bulgaria and in Yugoslavia.

On the other hand, the USA incites fascist and chauvinistic circles in our country from the opposite direction. It tries to confuse our people, and hide itself behind the fallacy of "the Soviet Union is behind the Armenian terrorism" or "cooperation among the CPT and Asala". It tries to spread out anti-socialism, anti-communism and to conduct a campaign against the CPT.

While being the chief supporter of oppression and slaughter over the Kurdish people the USA wants to provoke onslaught and terror on Armenians in our country.

This sinister and hypocritical policy is an extremely inhuman and disgraceful policy. In every rise of a national consciousness, the USA attempts to suppress it through provoking chauvinism of another nation. Behind its provoked "the great nation" chauvinism is hidden the chauvinism of "the great USA, the world's policeman USA".

The US imperialism who fans warfare all over the world, arms our country with offensive weapons is the chief enemy of all peoples of our region. The history has never recorded a single event that the USA had been the supporter of a struggle for national liberation. On the contrary, it always tried to smash every national liberation movement. Today also by inciting all types of separatism and by fanning chauvinism, the US imperialism wants to strangle our people's further risen consciousness of protection of national independence.

In the 70th year of Armenian genocide, the CPT appeals everyone to behave coolheadedly, to see the provocations of the USA. The CPT opposes terrorism.

It believes that making the historical facts accepted by means of terror is wrong purposeless and detrimental to the interests of the Armenian people. On the other hand, the patriotic forces should see that by closing the eyes and denouncing the historical realities, a suitable atmosphere is prepared for such provocations. These facts should be accepted. At the same time, no one should be deceived by such a ploy of "being provoked against each other". Fanning the revenge feelings should be opposed.

The struggle against the US imperialism, chauvinism should be heightened. Turkish and Armenian peoples are friends!

April 19, 1985

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY OVER FASCISM

Peoples of the whole world mark the 40th anniversary of end of the Second World War and historical victory over fascism and militarism.

Today, as the question of war or peace comes onto the agenda again, it is necessary to remember the cause and the outcome of the Second World War and to draw lessons.

Second World War was provoked by Hitlerite fascism who had dreams about gaining superiority over the world. The cost of the war which was conducted by the most reactionary, the most aggressive forces of imperialism together with German and Italian fascism and Japanese militarism was lives of fifty million people! All countries, all cities had turned into ruin.

The objectives of fascism was known from the very beginning. If the proposals of the Soviet Union for cooperation with other countries in order to prevent the war were taken into consideration before the war started, if the initiatives of the communist parties of capitalist countries and of other peace forces to form unity of the broadest forces for preservation of peace responded, if the common sense had prevailed, it would be possible to prevent the humanity from making great losses. To unite against war before it starts, that is the task of everyone who wants peace.

Under the leadership of the CPSU and its CC headed by Joseph Stalin, through the exemplary struggle of the communists and by making such sacrifices that the history has not witnessed before, the Soviet people and the Soviet army played a determining role in saving the mankind from the calamity of war and in liberation of the countries and peoples. We pay tribute to the lofty memories of 20 million Soviet people and of all heroic antifascist fighters who dedicated their lives for liberation of the humanity.

Forty years ago it was proved that the efforts of imperialism to have superiority over socialism, to reverse the course of the history and to stop the worldwide struggle for social progress is doomed to defeat and these efforts bring to the mankind nothing else but blood and tears.

Today the US imperialism and the ruling forces in NATO ignore these realities and make preparations for another world war. Without paying any attention to the piled up nuclear arms only on the earth with the capacity of destroying the mankind fifteen times, they also want to militarize the space. If these forces could not be stopped, what awaits the humanity is a total annihilation.

The Soviet Union and other socialist countries behave again with a great responsibility and sacrifice. They do not allow the USA and NATO to realize their aim to get military superiority. They make every effort for stop of the arms race and for attainment of nuclear disarmament on the basis of equality and equal security. If all political forces, organisations and all people who want to preserve the world peace unite their forces, it is possible to remove the treat of war from the life of mankind.

Anti-Hitlerite coalition affirmed the possibility of the socialist and capitalist states coming together for this purpose.

During the Second World War Turkey went into collaboration secretly the Hitlerite Germany. Our country did not witness the destructive outcome of this

war. But if the Red Army did not win in the battle of Stalingrad, not a single force could prevent Turkey from joining the war on the side of Hitlerite aggressors.

What permitted the fascist movement and such persons as Türkeş (leader of the Nationalist Action Party) to appear is connected to the collaboration with the Hitlerites in 1940s.

Those who rule Turkey are in open collaboration with the US imperialism. As a result of this collaboration covered by the pretext of protecting Turkey against the so-called "Soviet threat", our people lives under the threat of getting annihilated at any moment by an insanity of Washington. Now the US Administration tries to drive Turkey into its schemes about militarization of space.

Today the most important task is to unite against the US imperialism, against Turkey's being an US colony and to raise the struggle against the fascist dictatorship who hands over the destiny of our people to Washington.

As it was during the Second World war, the CPT fights today also for Turkey to take an active and a constructive position on the side of peace-loving states, against the supporters of fascism for democracy in the country and for the unity of democratic forces.

On the 40th anniversary of the overthrow of Hitler fascism, the CPT appeals all peace-loving and democratic forces, everyone who has a right sense to cooperate and to take place in the joint struggle.

Stop to be the slavery of the US imperialism!

No to the US bases, US missiles!

End to the pro-American Evren-Özal regime!

Let us unite for national democracy and for a peace-loving Turkey

April 29, 1985

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

INFORMATION

DEVELOPMENTS AFTER THE WASHINGTON TRIP OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Following the last month's US trip of the Chief of the General Staff, N.Ürüg Prime Minister T.Özal and Defence Minister Z.Yavuztürk also went to the USA. Before stating the new developments, we must mention first some words of R.Perle, the US Assistant Secretary of Defence. During Özal's visit in the USA, Perle told to the journalists: "At the moment, relations between Turkey and the USA are in a very good state. As historically we are at a very good point now, we must make full use of it. It is advisable to establish as many ties as possible." (*Cumhuriyet*, April 7, 1985) Indeed, with the understandig of "whatever we get is our profit", the USA makes new demands in accordance with the role it has assigned for Turkey in its plans.

A new treaty on military bases?

According to the information reflected by the Turkish press, Evren-Özal regime is preparing to sign a treaty with the USA under the name of "Co-located operational bases". The treaty which is to be signed in May covers besides existing US military bases, 11 new bases and airports including the ones in Eskişehir, Van, Muş, Batman whose reconstruction work continues for some time.

According to the statements of Cliff Krieger, commander in Ramstein military base in FRG and colonel Shea, basing itself on this treaty the USA will be able to use the military bases and airports in Turkey for an intervention in the Middle East. (*Tercüman*, April 25, 1985) in accordance with the treaty, with the pretext of difficulty in transference of the US troops form the US bases in Europe the USA will keep its troops and bombers in Turkey at the ready. They also talk about possibility of the USA to use them for its RDF as well.

In this connection, while Prime Minister Özal expressed the readiness of the dictatorship for the role of US gendarmerie in the region with the following words in his speech made in the parliament group meeting of Motherland Party (ANAP) on March 22, 1985 "Turkey is a country with a task of being a shield before the oil countries" (*Cumhuriyet*, April 4, 1985), Foreign Minister V. Halefoğlu assured the US administration during his visit in the USA by saying "They do what we say in the Middle East. We can easily tell them what you you could not menage to make these countries to do" (*Cumhuriyet*, April 4, 1985).

Modernization of nuclear weapons

Modernization of existing nuclear weapons in Turkey was brought onto the agenda in the Montebello meeting of NATO Nuclear Planning Group in 1983. This subject has become topical again with the secret report presented by B. Rogers, NATO Commander in Chief to the Turkish General Staff last month.

The modernization plan covers replacement of already existing Honest John missiles which are deployed in the Eastern region of Turkey by Lance-2 missiles which have longer range, increase of number of nuclear heads and also replacement of Nike missiles which are stationed in Straits by Patriot missiles. It must be noted that Patriot missile systems are the components of the "star wars" scheme of the USA. (See Information Bulletin March 1985).

What will be the position of Evren-Özal regime on the role to be assigned for Turkey in the "star wars" plan of the USA? The Minister of Defence, Z. Yavuztürk gave an answer to the questions raised by the journalists in the following way: "International public opinion supports this project. We make every effort for increase of our defence opportunities. If the front is transferred to the space, importance of Turkey will not be decreased" (*Hürriyet April 26, 1985*).

Fuel and a dockyard for the US 6th Fleet

During Özal's visit in the USA one of the topics of discussion was provision of the US 6th Fleet by Turkey. That was also on the agenda of Yavuztürk-Weinberger meeting. As it is known, provisions for the 6th

Fleet is partly carried out in Gölcük. Now there is a plan on construction of a dockyard in Marmaris.

One of Reagan's demand from Özal during his visit in Washington was establishment of relay stations of the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe in Turkey in order to make more powerful broadcasting to the Middle East. The US Assistant Secretary of Defence R. Perle told the Turkish journalists that "the radio transmitters are among those matters to be got done" and stated: "The US Administration wants this. This is a good opportunity for Turkey to get votes in the Congress. If Turkey allows these radio stations to be established it will receive large number of votes" (*Cumhuriyet April 7, 1985*). Soon after, in the middle of April, Turkish papers wrote about visit of the US delegation and their meeting with the authorities from the Ministry of Defence. So, the USA wants to make use of the soil of Turkey not only for its military purposes but also for the imperialist propaganda as well.

ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION

In northern part of Cyprus a referendum takes place on May 5, 1985 for the constitution imposed by Turkey through the Denktaş clique. Meanwhile the international talks are locked. The draft constitution which is to be voted under the invasion of the Turkish Armed Forces includes articles which put a ban for a federal solution of the Cyprus question on the basis of unity and territorial integrity. The constitution has such provisional articles that perpetuate the Turkish invasion and authorize the armed forces to carry out the functions of the police forces. Furthermore, the civil rights and freedoms of Turkish Cypriots, especially of those who defend the idea of independent sovereign, territorially integral and united Cyprus are also aimed to be limited. Although the constitution imposed on Turkish Cypriots by Turkey seems to be "better than the constitution imposed on Turkish Cypriots seems 1982" as some columnists in the Turkish press say, it will cause great pains to the Turkish Cypriots. Because it will be in operation under the rule of the armed forces who turned Turkey into a prison.

The CPT strongly opposed the efforts of the fascist regime in Turkey of imposing such a constitution on the Turkish Cypriots. Because this constitution intends to "consolidate" the separatist state of Denktaş and will be an obstacle in the intercommunal talks and another step towards the imperialist plans on parti-

tion of Cyprus, its integration into NATO and the use of the island for aggressive plans against the peoples of the Near East.

The Communist Party of Turkey sharply condemns the attempts of restriction of the civil rights and freedoms of the Turkish Cypriots who want a true and lasting solution for the Cyprus question.

Although the situation in Cyprus is such critical, the people of Cyprus will not give up the struggle for a just solution of the Cyprus problem. We are sure that the desire of Turkish and Greek, all people of Cyprus, their hopes to live in a united, territorially integral, sovereign and an independent country who belongs to the Cypriots will become true.

The CPT supports with everything in its power the just struggle of the Cypriots who want a just solution of the Cyprus problem. While calling upon the democratic forces of Turkey to oppose the imposition of such a "constitution" on the Turkish Cypriots, it expresses its full solidarity with the fraternal party AKEL who mobilises all its strength to curb the negative developments in the wake of imperialist plans. The CPT regards the convention of an international conference on the Cyprus problem as urgent as than ever. The history proved that the NATO countries can not be "guaranteurs" for the people of Cyprus. The CPT condemns once more all efforts from the outside to interfere in the internal affairs of the Cypriot people.

DOCUMENTS

TO GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CC MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV

On behalf of the CPT CC and of the communists of Turkey, Comrade Haydar Kutlu sent a message of congratulations to Comrade Gorbachyov on the occasion of his election as General Secretary of the CPSU and conveyed his best wishes. In his message he underlined that the CPT will never stop making every effort for development of relations between Turkey and the USSR on the basis of peaceful co-existence, friendship and cooperation, for consolidation of the fraternal ties between the peoples of the USSR and Turkey.

March 11, 1985

TO THE 13TH CONGRESS OF THE HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY

Comrade Haydar Kutlu conveyed the militant revolutionary greetings of the Central Committee of the CPT to the 13th Congress of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party. In his message to the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, he stated that the congress takes place in the year of the 40th anniversary of the historical victory over Hitlerite fascism and Japanese militarism and liberation of Hungary from the rule of fascism. In this 40 years, the people of Hungary realized great successes in the economical, cultural and social spheres. Under the leadership of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, the people of Hungary gained a number of significant achievements and the congress now makes decisions for advance of these achievements. Comrade Haydar Kutlu also expressed the appreciation of the international solidarity of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party with the struggle of the CPT.

March 25, 1985

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