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No votes for the Motherland Party!

Now it is time to say 'stop' to Özal, the employee of the IMF, who represents no one but only a handful of plunderers. Now, the voters who in 1983 general elections struck a heavy blow onto the torturer general Sunalp's party and desperately voted for the Motherland Party, have the opportunity to take their votes back.

At the by-elections to be held on September 28, voters of ten provinces, through their votes can help attainment of such a result in line with the desire of the people of Turkey. If the Motherland Party does not receive the majority of votes, it will not dare to put into practice its anti-popular, anti-peace plans. If the opposition parties and the voters take an active stand at the elections and act in unity, the Motherland Party government can not remain in power for a long time.

The Motherland Party is such a party that does not intend to recognize the rights and liberties of the workers, constantly lowers the wages and salaries, prepares files about the political views and activities of the public employees, dooms to unemployment those who oppose the regime and demand their rights, does not consider unemployment as a pressing problem. This party stopped the state subsidies on agricultural products. By continuously lowering the basic agricultural prices, it did not pay the real value of the peasants' produce. This party is such a party that it constantly drops the purchasing power of the people, by not granting credits to the small businessmen, it drives them into ruin. This is the party who demolishes the 'bidon villas', breaks the families. The Motherland Party is responsible of increasing moral corruption and prostitution. This party has done nothing for the people. On the contrary, in agreement with the foreigners, in collaboration with the imperialists, it plundered the enterprises, put them onto sale. What the Motherland Party has done to delude the people with is thousand times less than what it has destroyed.

After the elections, the Motherland Party plans to intensify the repression and censorship. The draft predicting increase of the charges in the Penal Code also waits for the elections. Among those who wait for the complete of elections is the IMF and the USA.

The International Monetary Fund expects to sign a new agreement, further drop of wages, salaries and incomes of the peasants, greater amount of resources to be spared for the debt payments.

The USA expects to make the Defence and Cooperation Agreement to be approved, which means a disaster for our country.

The Motherland Party government also waits for the complete of elections

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to take all these steps urged by the imperialists.

In order to stop the Motherland Party, to say 'no' to this blindly course, we should give no votes to the Motherland Party at the by-elections.

The blackmail of the Motherland Party, the argument "if you do not vote for us, peace and stability will be disturbed, we can not get any credit from Europe and the USA" is totally a deception. Trade and economic relations can only be arranged in favour of our interests under the rule of a democratic government. Peace and stability can only exist in a democratic Turkey. Today not the workers and toiling people, but the bosses and the tycoons who had the opportunity to cram up their treasures are in peace and order. What the Motherland Party calls order is that the people remains their hands tied and the desperation prevails in the country. But for the people, peace and order means being able to stand on their rights, being able to speak and defend their rights freely.

Workers, toiling people, brothers,

During the election campaign and everywhere you have an opportunity,

Raise the demand for lift off all obstacles before the right of strike and collective bargaining,

For stop of dismissals,

For an unconditional general political amnesty, end to torture,

For freedom of thought and organisation,

For stop of terror over the Kurdish people in the east,

For annulment of the Defence and Cooperation Agreement with the USA, fight for a democratic Turkey!

Compatriots,

Don't vote the Motherland Party! In order to stop the Motherland Party, give vote to those candidates who defend the rights of workers and the toiling people, who work for protection of peace, independence and national sovereignty and fight for democracy! To the election polls, to stop the Motherland Party! No votes for the Motherland Party!

August 26, 1986

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

66th founding anniversary of the CPT

We are marking the 66th founding anniversary of our party in such a critical period with numerous contradictions which are closely connected with the complex and dangerous situation of the world and on the eve of our national conference.

September 10, 1920, the day of foundation of the CPT gains deeper, attractive and inspiring meaning every other day. And that is not accidental at all. The CPT which was founded under the leadership of M. Suphi and has been the indispensable contingent of the world communist movement bases itself on the sole scientific teaching of our age, Marxism-Leninism and on the most modern and revolutionary class, the working class. These features raise our party to the level of becoming such a force that is able to comprehend the present age with all its complexity, to distinguish the main lines of social progress and its major driving forces, to link the struggle for the cause of peace, the fundamental task of our age with the fight for socialism, to be a renovating and revolutionizing

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force.

The date of September 10, 1920 opened a new period in the struggle of our working class, of Turkish and Kurdish all working people for liberation from oppression, exploitation and injustice. Since then, the young working class of Turkey who did not have its own political organisation, scientific and revolutionary outlook, has been transformed into a more and more active force of the social-political life. This development proceeded, as it is today in the state of barbarous attacks over the CPT and over the trade unions in every period of the history of the republic, through courageous resistance actions of the communists, heroic battles of the workers beginning with the national liberation struggle, through historical demonstrations and strike actions under the conditions of fascism. Now inspite of all obstacles, the working class who is organised in trade unions and its vanguard, the CPT gain more and more strength. This constitutes the greatest historical guarantee for the future of our country. Despite of its terror, the military coup in 1980 could not succeed to stop the working class movement, could not wipe out the CPT, could not drive Turkey into hopelessness and desperation.

Turkey is neither hopeless nor in desperation, but with its diligent people and natural wealth, with its progressive contribution to the civilization and with its national humanist culture heritage, in many ways being the most advanced country of the Neareast, now is dragged into retrogradation, ruin, war menace, dependence, brutality, injustice and moral corruption that is not deserved at all. Evren-Özal administration poses the major obstruction before those forces who want to retrieve the country from this shameful situation.

On its 66th founding anniversary, as the real representative of all our national interests and the interests of whole mankind, the CPT once more pronounced the way out of the present situation in favour of the overwhelming majority of people through its alternative programme of "Peace and National Democracy" which covers realistic transformations. At the present stage, the CPT aims to make cooperation with all forces for peace and democracy;

-to give an end to the present regime and for a democratic regime,
-to remove the war menace, to live in peaceful coexistence with all neighbouring countries, to make a contribution to improvement of the international situation,
-for protection of economy against imperialism, for an independent economic development and powerful national economy, industry and agriculture,
-to stop the worsening of living conditions of people and for a substantial improvement,
-for protection and development of national culture, democratization in the spheres of science, arts and thought, for enlightenment of the people. Such a cooperation is possible and imperative.

First, today there is a real political alternative with a broad spectrum against the Evren-Özal administration takes shape. Although the broad opposition forces, from the traditional right to the communists, from the religious circles, to the Kemalists and the social democrats, differ from each other about their world outlook but now there are increasing number of common points among them. At the elections on September 28, 1986, whole opposition is united under the motto of "no votes for the Motherland Party" and there is a growing irritation in the ranks of the opposition against the steps to be taken by the government after the elections. What are these steps?

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-They plan to transfer some nuclear missiles from Europe to Turkey. The government is getting prepared to conclude the secret bargaining with the USA in the frame of Defence and Cooperation Agreement.

-Some aggressive intentions of the Motherland Party in line with the Pentagon's aims and in collaboration with the militarist circles of the army against neighbouring Islamic countries became public through its proposal imposed to the parliament on "conducting military operations under the name of 'hot pursuit' in the territories of neighbouring countries even if there is no agreement between Turkey and related countries".

-The efforts of undertaking the role of US gendarmes in the Middle East will lead to further intensification of state terror over the Kurdish people.

-A commission was set up by the government to make changes in the articles of 141, 142 and 163 of the Turkish Penal Code, the government and the generals are searching out a way to stop the democratic forces who now more openly criticize them and to prevent the raise of mass actions. Formation of new police teams to break the strikes, ban on the demonstrations to be organised by Türk-İş are the recent indications.

-Özal government is making preparations to sign another stand-by agreement with the IMF after the elections. The conditions of the agreement is already known. Among them are a large scale devaluation, price increases of the products of state owned enterprises, wage increases to be kept well below the rate of inflation in the collective bargainings. Now Turkey is once more confronted with the impositions of the IMF and under ever more unfavourable conditions.

Therefore, the present situation of the country and of the region and the threats which will come to the surface after the elections are the objective phenomena that urge the broad sections of the opposition either under the ban or working legally to make cooperation. A considerable drop in Motherland Party's votes at the elections can generate a very important political opportunity to stop these dangerous steps. For that reason, the CPT appealed all people not to vote for the Motherland Party, warned and keeps warning them against such attempts of bringing those parties participating at the elections against each other, diverting their attention from urgent problems of the country.

The outcome of the elections which is to be held under totally unequal conditions, under repression, bans and in the atmosphere of demagoguery, will not reflect the true inclination of the people and the drop in Motherland Party's votes will not itself lead to a serious change. Both, if the opposition wins at the elections, either making use of the favourable conditions for the fight for democracy or on the contrary, despite the unfavourable conditions, stopping the Motherland Party, all depend upon the cooperation of legal and banned opposition, above all, upon mobilization of millions of people who support the opposition and whether they take place in the political arena with their demands. By elections and the following period will be the starting step in the fight against the regime. And there are still harder days of struggle waiting for the opposition and for the people.

On the 66th founding anniversary of the CPT, responsibilities of our party's friends have increased further. Now our task is to gain such strength that enables us to fulfil these responsibilities after the elections. Mobilization of all potentialities and strengthening of the CPT now depends more than ever upon the struggle for peace and national democracy, with other words, it is closely connected with the destiny of the country. National conference of the CPT will be

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a policy could not be put into practice without violation of trade union rights, the right of strike and collective bargaining, without restricting the right of organisation of the public employees, without destroying the effectiveness of the democratic cooperatives, means of economic struggle of the peasantry, without violation of the right of universal suffrage." The concrete results of the economic policy pursued through repression and brutality is exhibited as "while the decrease of wages and incomes of the workers, peasants, public employees, artisans, retired and other working people leads to continuous impoverishment, the value squeezed out is transferred mostly not to investments, which would be in favour of the social well being in a national scale, but to increasing profits and interests of a small minority."

"Bread and Rights Declaration" state that the present economic policy can only be pursued on the condition of institutionalization of the political repression, defends the concept of "national economy" and state owned economic enterprises which the Özal government now plans to transfer them to private or foreign companies. The Declaration draws attentions also onto the agricultural problems. It says: "Democratization in the agricultural sphere is continuously delayed because a radical land reform has not been made." The reasons for retrogression in the agricultural field and impoverishment of the peasantry are pointed out as "the sources created in the agricultural field by the peasantry are transferred to the increasing profits of the capital, with the purpose of enrichment of a small minority and the peasantry is driven into poverty". "Bread and Rights Declaration" deals also with the dependent cha-

acter of economic policy. The questions such as a dependent economy prevents the production of science and technology, offering the lands to the imperialists, division of the land with "free trade zones", external debts, extraordinary growth of military expenditures and its connection with international monopoly capital are dealt with in the document. It states: "military expenditures are well above the expenditures on food supply, on education or on health services and in the international scale, it is among the highest ones... The geo-political position of Turkey entails not the increase of armament and number of armed forces but just the opposite, limitation of the number and the armament as it was during the Atatürk's period... Establishment of private arms factories is not a national but an anti-national attempt".

"Bread and Rights Declaration" ends with the following lines: "The present economic order which is not in line with the interests of the people and the country will be changed definitely. And of course, our people will achieve the right of determining their own destiny and the future of the country. They will overcome the obstacles before the economic, democratic rights and freedoms. They know that the prerequisite is establishment of a genuine democracy which continuously develops the rights and liberties. In the whole world the peoples created the honourable history of the mankind. In our country, our people will create it too. No one should have any doubt".

The Declaration of intellectuals was made public for collection of signatures. They expect to collect thousands of signatures. Then it will be presented to the parliament.

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a new milestone in the history of our party and a new step towards strengthening the CPT.

The efforts for a stronger CPT are not just for the party, but a stronger CPT is the need of its allies, of the democratic forces and the people. A stronger party is always a reliable ally for the left forces and the other democratic forces marching on the way of liberation of the country.

On our 66th founding anniversary, we once more appeal everyone: Let's we all make our country a fortress of peace in the region! Let the wind of freedom blow over our beautiful country who has been doomed to darkness! Instead of launching pads, let us build factory chimneys! Instead of burning the fertile lands of Anadolu, by the US bombers, let's make everywhere green!

September 10, 1986

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

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Declaration of intellectuals: Bread and Rights

The intellectuals of Turkey, who accused the prevailing anti-democratic regime and defended democracy through their wellknown petition, now made public a declaration. The "Bread and Rights" Declaration pronounces the severe economic problems and the situation in Turkey. The intellectuals, including well-known writers, economists and lecturers presented the declaration to the public with following words: "We consider an obligatory duty of citizenship to announce the 'Bread and Rights Declaration', to convey the voice of people to the people, to consolidate our united force with participation of the people".

Indeed, since the military coup in 1980, the intellectuals' movement in Turkey has been gaining a mass character. Their actions are welcomed by the broad sections of people and win their support.

"Bread and Rights Declaration" begins with the following fundamental elaboration: "Our country is in an economic crisis in such an extent that has not been witnessed before." The fact that despite the increasing impoverishment of people, a handful of the bosses of holding companies are included among the richest tycoons of the world, is expressed with the following striking example: "The annual turnover of a holding company made up of 94 companies exceeds one fifth of the state budget. There are such tycoons who increase their wealth 56 times in three years".

The declaration defines the present economic policy as "it is an IMF model that imposes the government to lower as much as possible the wages and incomes of the working people under the pretext of overcoming the economic crisis." It continues: "Such

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Solidarity actions abroad

The military coup was protested in its sixth year through various actions in the country and abroad. The press conference held in Bonn on September 12 and the forum organised in Frankfurt was met with great interest of democratic public opinion of Europe. The press meeting organised by the "Solidarity with the Intellectuals of Turkey" Initiative and participated by number of MP's from SPD and the Greens, Vice-chairman of the IG Metall, ex-chairman of DGB and writer Günter Wallraf. The matter of discussion was human rights and democracy in Turkey in the sixth year of coup. The speakers from Turkey, Prof. S. Tanilli, Chairman of Association of Contemporary Journalists, Chairman of Human Rights Association of Turkey expressed the repressive, brutal measures in Turkish prisons, cases of torture, the suffer of the relatives of hundreds of people who are still in custody, restriction of democratic rights and freedoms above all the violation of freedom of thought and expression.

Frankfurt forum on September 13 was also participated by representative of democratic, progressive organisations and well-known personalities. The participants of the forum

appealed all patriotic, democratic people of Turkey to get united for: -re-achievement of fundamental human rights and freedoms in Turkey, to stop the continuous flow of migration of honourable people due to the treat of arrests, tortures; -opening the doors of prisons, putting an end to torture and death sentences, -making free our manpower and natural resources from external impositions and to pave the way for a just life based on national interests, -to say stop to decay in general and moral corruption, to advance intellectual development of people in full speed, -to safeguard Turkey against the attempts of making it a first target to be wiped out in a possible war, to change the present state of Turkey who is a obstinate neighbour in the region.

Today is the day of unity, and the way of getting rid of unbearable suffering and pains of people is the unity is the unity for peace, a for solidarity against oppression, for optimism against pessimism"

They appealed all peoples of the civilized world to increase their solidarity with the democratic forces of Turkey.

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DOCUMENTS

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CP OF BELGIUM

The Central Committee of the CPT congratulated the fraternal CP of Belgium on its 65th founding anniversary and wished successes to the communists of Belgium in realization of the decisions of the 25th Congress of the CP of Belgium.

September 4, 1986

TO COMRADE TODOR ZHIVKOV

On behalf of the CC of the CPT, comrade Haydar Kutlu congratulated the 75th birthday of comrade Todor Zhivkov, General Secretary of the CC of the Bulgarian CP and conveyed the best wishes of the communists of Turkey.

September 7, 1986

TO COMRADE LUIS CORVALAN

On the occasion of 70th birthday of Luis Corvalan, General Secretary of the CC of the CP of Chile, Comrade Haydar Kutlu conveyed the greetings of the CC of the CPT and of the communists of Turkey to comrade Luis Corvalan. The communists of Turkey know comrade Luis Corvalan as a courageous son of the Chilean working class and an outstanding communist leader. The CPT feels a great pleasure that despite the brutal repression of the Pinochet dictatorship, the CP of Chile and the democratic movement develops further and gains strength. The CPT strongly condemns recently mounting of repression and murders. The communists and the progressive forces of Turkey have always been and will be in solidarity with the people of Chile.

September 14, 1986



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