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EARLY ELECTIONS ISSUE AND THE ESCALATING TERROR OF THE "GRAY WOLVES"

ANKARA (ITA) - The Justice Party (AP), the leading formation of the Nationalist Front Government, has decided to head a move towards early elections after the party's Representative Assembly advised its parliamentary group to support the move.

The chief problem for the AP in 1977 polls will be re-collecting the votes it lost to the National Salvation Party (MSP) and the Democratic Party (DP) in 1973. In spite of recent signs of recovery, the DP is not an immediate threat. But the MSP is still menacing the potential votes of the AP. First of all, the MSP, keeping a hard-line on the international issues as Cyprus, Arms Embargo, the Aegean Dispute, gains support from different circles. On the other hand, the MSP can exploit some domestic affairs such as the Lockheed Affair and the "Furniture Swindle" in which Premier Demirel and his relatives are involved. Above all, an October election will follow the holy Moslem month of fasting "Ramadan", which may become a big propaganda issue for the pro-islamic MSP.

For these reasons, the MSP, the second major government partner, dead-set against early polls in June is going to launch a censure motion against Premier Demirel in case the AP brings the early elections bill project to the Parliament.

Although Mr. Dülent Ecevit, Chairman of the Republican People's Party (CHP), said they will support early elections, he also claimed that the AP is seeking early elections with CHP support to save its own skin, and if the CHP supports the AP's move for early elections, it will be in order to save the people from the reign of the AP.

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Political Assassinations: 21 more in a month

While the AP is carrying on its efforts in order to hold the general elections in June, five months earlier, the "Gray Wolves" commando units of the pro-Nazi Nationalist Movement Party (MHP), the smallest partner of the Nationalist Front Government, continue to kill anyone and everyone who has progressive mind and to increase the political tension just on the eve of a possible early election with the purpose of creating the convenient atmosphere for replacing the elected government by a military rule, if the Nationalist Front loses the elections.

Assassinations committed during the incidents provoked by the "Gray Wolves" commandos continued in the recent month and the number of the victims rose from 116 to 137 with new 21 assassinations:

FEBR 24: Student Sefa Taşçı, 19, was stabbed to death in Adana.

FEBR 25: Student Hakkı Alaydın was killed in Ankara after a group of commandos fired shots on students at an evening trade high school.

FEBR 28: "Gray Wolves" stabbed to death a progressive student, Fahrettin Selvi, in Balıkesir.

MARCH 1: During a raid by an armed group on the Adana Student Dormitory in İstanbul, Worker Mustafa Erol, 28, was killed by an explosion.

MARCH 2: In the district of Buca of İzmir province, Harun Çevici was shot to death while having distributed a progressive review.

MARCH 5: In the district of Buldan of Denizli province, Mehmet Yelesen, 18, was shot to death by the "Gray Wolves".

In Trabzon, teacher Vural Ural, 40, was beaten to death.

In Kayseri, state employee Haydar Yıldırım, supporter of the Republican People's Party (CHP), was shot to death while he was returning to his home.

MARCH 6: Ahmet Ulutuk, student at the Gaziantep Educational Institute was blown to smithereens when a bomb exploded in a house.

MARCH 11: Salih Deniz, student at the İstanbul Technical University, was shot to death in İstanbul by the "Gray Wolves".

MARCH 11: İrfan Ögünç, student at Atatürk Educational Institute, was shot to death during the incident instigated by the "Gray Wolves".

Taxi driver Veli Akgül was shot to death in Edirne during an armed confrontation between opposite student groups.

MARCH 13: Policeman Abdurrahman Kuru was killed by an unidentified person who opened fire from a parked car in İstanbul's Yeşilköy district.

MARCH 14: Metin Öztürk, student at a secondary school in Ankara, was killed by a police agent.

MARCH 16: Enver Kurt, student and supporter of the Republican People's Party (CHP), was shot to death by the "Gray Wolves" in Gaziantep while standing at a bus stop.

MARCH 17: Haydar Öztürk and Semiha Özakar, students, were shot to death during an armed confrontation provoked by the "Gray Wolves" in Uşak.

MARCH 19: In the district of Gaziosmanpaşa of İstanbul, Worker Yılmaz Kaymakçı, was shot to death by an unidentified person.

MARCH 21: Hasan Parlak, 17, and Ali Alakus, 42, were shot to death in Gaziantep during an incident provoked by the AP members.

MARCH 22: The "Gray Wolves" raiding a student local in Çorum, shot to death Ergül Dağ, 17, student at high school.

During these incidents and others, hundreds of people have been wounded and all of the assassinated are still at large.

"Political murders reached a level worse than in dictatorships"

"The role of the smallest government partner Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) and its Idealists' Association (Ülkü Ocakları - known as the Gray Wolves) in political murders became obvious with irrefutable evidence and the Justice Party (AP) depends on political bandits in order to remain in power ./.

and continue the order of exploitation since cutting all hopes of coming to power through popular votes," said the CHP Chairman Ecevit. He claimed the political murders in the country reached a level worse than in dictatorships "where people imprisoned for their political ideas but not killed as in Turkey."

On the other hand, four CHP deputies held a joint press conference on February 28 and claimed the Nationalist Movement Party and its side organisations organised 1051 raids including those on party meetings, killed 58 people and wounded 1657.

Deputy Süleyman Genç said: "Multi-national companies and the CIA have used paranoias as a legal indicator in continuing their activities and protecting their interests everywhere in the world. Türkeş (Leader of the Nationalist Movement Party) has stuck to our democracy, national peace, the future of our society, to the young bodies like a vampire and keeps gnawing."

Genç claimed among the people killed were three MHP supporters who had refused to continue working within that party and were murdered in accordance with Türkeş's order: "Kill anyone who reneges on the movement!"

He referred to an order by the Idealists' Association Chairman Ali Batman who asked that members of the organisation should be listed in two different books, one of them official and the other unofficial "because of certain hazards."

Genç also claimed referring to German daily Stuttgarter Zeitung, Türkeş had given untrue information to the Court of Constitution concerning MHP's activities in Germany. Stuttgarter Zeitung quoted the Interior Minister of Stuttgart as saying the MHP has no official organisations in Stuttgart but its organisations continue illegal actions.

This summer, the MHP was called to testify at the Court of Constitution in connection with the party's activities in Federal Republic of Germany among Turkish migrant workers. The MHP informed the Court that its branches and side organisations abroad were closed.

Also referring to the German left-wing publication Konkret, Genç claimed the police specially provided the MHP with automatic guns purportedly bought from Germany to equip Turkish police in "anarchist hunts" in 1976. Konkret said MHP's commandos were supported by the Government and the police "quite well" and received 300 LP for each incident they were involved, from the MHP.

On March 8, Idealists' Association Chairman issued a statement in which he said: "The idealist youth regards it a main duty to keep the Turkish state on foot. If the state forces close their eyes to this necessity, the idealist youth will bust its fist so hard on the head of traitors that, even Moscow and Peking units cannot prevent their fate. The head of the communist mob, the source of anarchy must be crushed."

Seeing the growing reaction against the MHP terror, the Attorney General's Office launched on March 9 an investigation on this party in connection with the killing of a Republican People's Party member in Istanbul. If the office determines that the MHP has violated the Political Parties Code, it will apply to the Court of Constitution to have the party closed. (DN-C-DG-24/3)

ECEVIT REJECTS COOPERATION OF LEFT PARTIES AGAINST FASCISM

ANKARA (ITA) - Despite the escalation of fascism, the Republican People's Party (CHP), the principal opposition formation, insists on rejecting a long-run cooperation of left parties against fascism

In his answer to the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP)'s proposal for long-run cooperation, Mr. Ecevit said that the CHP is decided, if it can come to power alone, to fulfil the task of realizing all the requisites of democracy; and he claimed that all democratic forces will be helpful to the CHP for accomplishing "this historical task".

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP), after having discussed Ecevit's answer, declared that Ecevit's attitude towards their long-

run cooperation call "to improve and develop democracy" has been a rejection by the CHP.

Whereas, the first dialogue between the leaders of two left-wing parties on March 7, 1977 was considered as one of the most advanced steps taken in order to reinforce the democratic front.

The meeting between the two leaders was realised after the President of the TIP, Mrs. Dehice Doran wrote a letter to the leader of the CHP, Ecevit, asking to meet him.

"TIP regards it compulsory to establish inter-reliance, cooperation and to unite powers between democratic parties which enjoy mass support and political weight," Mrs. Doran's letter read.

At the meeting, Mrs. Doran explained the resolutions of the First Grand Congress of the TIP and proposed the CHP to form a joint platform to fight imperialism and fascism, if such a cooperation can be realised, a consensus can be reached on a harmonious form of attitude and behaviour concerning general elections.

Although this meeting caused some speculations claiming that "seat bargaining were made for the general elections", after the 2-hour talks both Mrs. Doran and Mr. Ecevit denied these speculations.

Mrs. Doran stated the TIP's position towards elections as follows:

"The only alternative for the TIP is not whether to enter the polls or not. There are others, which exclude seat bargaining. To be in Parliament does not mean anything by itself. If you are there through your own power, you will be influential. But if you are not in Parliament that does not mean you are powerless, since real power is more qualitative than arithmetic."

From this point of view, the TIP, the main socialist formation of Turkey, criticized the CHP, the main social-democratic formation of the country, with two aspects:

"The CHP has failed to convert its arithmetic power, (that is, its 190 deputies in the 450-member parliament) into qualitative power. The CHP parliamentary opposition is not one to be expected from a party which has 190 deputies.

"On the other hand, the CHP has backed off in the face of right wing criticism: 'The CHP is covering for anarchy, for communism.' The CHP motto of 'avoiding provocation' is designed as an invalid alibi for its inertia."

The TIP wants the CHP to define finally and clearly its position and place in the left of the political spectrum, out, or slow down its relations with capitalist circles or at least define it peremptorily and implement a more active opposition.

But the Ecevit's answer shows that the CHP is still very far from defining its position clearly.

(C-M-DN-DC-24/3)

FIRST GRAND CONGRESS OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF TURKEY (TIP)

ISTANBUL (ITA) - The Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP) held its Grand Congress, the first after its re-establishment, in Istanbul from February 27 to March 1, with hundreds of delegates from all provinces of Turkey attending.

Preceding the Congress, Party organisations across the country discussed a programme of concrete actions by the socialists of Turkey in the interests of the working class, to unite the country's democratic forces in the anti-fascist struggle, for an independent and peaceful foreign policy.

The report of the Central Committee and the concrete actions programme were discussed by the delegates and were unanimously agreed.

The Congress elected a new 21-member Central Committee. A plenum of the new Central Committee elected a Political Bureau. Mrs. Dehice Doran was re-elected President and Dr. Nihat Sargin Secretary General.

Resolutions of the TIP Congress on Anti-fascist Struggle

1. In order to stop the policy of fascist escalation, to ensure the security of the coming general elections, the Nationalist Front Government must be overthrown, a provisional government must be formed without the participation of the Justice Party (AP) and the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP).

2. Authors of the armed or non-armed aggressions, the assassinations, the raids on the meetings and organisations and party centers must be absolutely identified. The responsables of the faults and inconsequences committed during identifying, arresting and bringing before the tribunals the individuals, just as those who have tortured the persons under custody or arrest, must be called to account.

3. The internal and external supports to the Nationalist Movement Party (MHP) and to the Idealists' Association, to the Commandos (Gray Wolves) just as their financial sources must be revealed and pursued by the Justice.

4. The files on the accusations of fraud and misuse must be studied in all dimensions and disclosed to the public, and the necessary prosecutions must be carried out in order to hand over the responsables to the Justice.

5. The government which will replace the Nationalist Front Government must take effective measures in order to ensure the right to life, the inviolability and freedoms of individuals, inviolability of domicile, the security of free education and instruction; must put an end to the fascistisation of the state administration and the national education institutes; must examine the nominations made by the Nationalist Front, the irregular multiplications of administrative posts and the liquidations of the state-employees and of the teachers during its reign; and must make the necessary reorganisations for giving back the victims their functions and their rights.

6. Articles 141-142 of the Turkish Penal Code just as its other anti-democratic articles which permanently menace economic, political and ideological struggle of our working class and the development of the TIP which is the highest organisational concretisation at the political level of this struggle, the social-democratic opposition, and the scientific, philosophic, literary, artistic life, the press and the information, must be immediately annuled. Within this frame:

- The formation named the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) must be able to be legally founded in Turkey,

- The legal conditions of ~~returning to the country and exercising a~~ political activity for those who are obliged to rest abroad for the political reasons must be realised.

- Those who are stricken with imprisonment during the 12th March period and who have been condemned by the State Security Courts must be rehabilitated and freed.

- All the restrictive and prohibitive articles of the Political Parties Code which are not in conformity with the letter and the spirit of the Constitution must be annuled.

7. It must be put an end to all racist and chauvin practices, to the provocations and the menaces in the eastern and south-eastern regions of the country which have been exercised in order to safeguard the domination and the interests of the bourgeoisie and the big landowners despite the fact that the Constitution defines the Republic not as a Nationalist State, but a National State."

In the letter of Mrs. Boran to the leader of the **TIP**, the above-mentioned demands were shown as the principal points of a short-run platform. The CHP has escaped to make a concrete cooperation on these points. Instead, Üçevit claimed that his party is the defender of a democracy not explained in detail.

(The full-text of the Resolutions adopted by the First Grand Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey will be published in the following issue of Info-Türk Bulletin). (Y-C-DN-DG-24/3)

PRESSURES ON THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT INTENSIFIED

ANKARA (ITA) - During the year 1976, the Nationalist Front Government has forbidden 94 workers strikes under the pretext of "harming the interests of the country and the national security". On the contrary, during the same year, the same government stopped only one lock-out.

On the other hand, the leaders of the Confederation of Progressive Trade-Union (DISK) and the Metal Workers Trade Union (Maden İş) are being tried before the criminal courts for "having instigated the workers against the Project of Law to form extraordinary state security courts menacing the liberties and democratic rights.

(P-G-DG-7/3)

TURKISH RADIO-TELEVISION TURNED INTO PROPAGANDA MACHINE OF THE RIGHTIST FRONT

ANKARA (ITA) - In spite of the Constitution which orders a politically neutral administration for the Turkish Radio-Television Broadcasting Corporation, the Nationalist Front Government insists on keeping a well-known fascist minded person at the head of this state-owned medium even during the electoral campaign of 1977.

In fact, General Directorate of the TRT has been a pressing political issue recently, with almost all democratic circles attacking Director General Şaban Karataş who was appointed by the Nationalist Front Government without taking into consideration the qualifications stipulated by the Constitution and the TRT Code.

Nearly 500 TRT employees have appealed to the prosecutor's office to have Karataş expelled. The Council of State does not recognise Karataş as the lawful and legal director of TRT. Recently a high penal court refused a document signed by Karataş as TRT Director General, stating he is not the legal director.

In face of high court decisions and both public and political pressure, it has been expected from the TRT Election Board to have Karataş expelled during the electoral campaign. But the TRT Election Board under the presidency of General Nurettin Erşin, Secretary General of the National Security Council, shared the attitude of the Nationalist Front Government and decided Karataş to remain in his post even during the electoral campaign.

This decision has been a new shadow on the fairness of the coming general elections.

(C-P-DG-1)

NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALISTS ATTACKED ON BY THE "GRAY WOLVES"

İSTANBUL (ITA) - Fascist "Gray Wolves" commando units, since the beginning of the new year, have intensified their attacks also on the progressive newspapers and journalists.

On January 17, 1977, the domicile of Mr. Hikmet Çetinkaya, representative of the progressive and most influential daily newspaper Cumhuriyet was raided by the Gray Wolves and volleyed on for minutes.

On February 25, 1977, in Izmir, two correspondants of the press agency İHA, Kadir Kestaneci and Vahap Dabakan, were beaten by the Gray Wolves.

On March 10, 1977, a bomb explosion destroyed the office and printing press of the daily "Üyanış" in Zonguldak.

On March 12, 1977, during the funeral of two assassinated students, the Gray Wolves attacked on two correspondants of the daily Cumhuriyet, Ali Alakuş and Ümit Zehra Alemdaroglu, and attempted to kidnap them.

On March 13, 1977, Necati Aygün, correspondant of the progressive newspaper Devrim, was attacked on by the Gray Wolves at the Atatürk University of Erzurum and seriously wounded.

On March 19, 1977, a group of the Justice Party (AP) members raided the central office of the daily Cumhuriyet in İstanbul and attacked on Mr. Oktay Kurtböke, Editor-in-chief,

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These violent acts against the press have been vehemently protested by the Turkish Journalists Trade Union, Turkish Journalists Association and the Union of Turkish Bars. (G-P-DN-DG-21/3)

A UNIVERSITY DOCENT TRIED UNDER THE MENACE OF 7,5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

ISTANBUL (ITA) - Dr. Server Tanilli, docent in the Faculty of Law, Istanbul University, is being tried by the Second Aggravated Felony Court of Istanbul under the menace of a 7,5 years imprisonment and 3 years exile.

"The History of Civilization" written by Dr. Tanilli was being used as a textbook in his courses at the Academy of Political Sciences, Sisli - Istanbul and was denounced by some persons whose names are still being kept secret. In the investigation made by the administration of the Academy the book was found totally scientific.

Later a second denunciation was made by the "Gray Wolves" Organisation, and the Public Prosecutor opened a trial against Dr. Tanilli for "having propagated communism in his work" and demanded imprisonment according to Article 142 of the Turkish Penal Code.

At the beginning the case was sent to the Extraordinary State Security Court. But on the abolishing those courts by the Court of Constitution, this time, the case of Dr. Tanilli was taken by the aggravated felony court.

The trial of Dr. Tanilli is protested by the members of all universities of Turkey in a joint declaration in the following terms:

"This is an attempt to indict ideas and scientific knowledge. This is a renewed attempt to curb the academic freedom, scientific freedom and freedom of opinion. This event is an infringement of Articles 20 and 21 of the Turkish Constitution which recognize complete scientific freedom. It is also a violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the European Convention of Human Rights.

"We, undersigned, believe that it is our common responsibility to defend democracy and freedom. Even though we do not share all the thoughts and ideas put forward in Dr. Tanilli's book, we still agree to put our signatures under this book as a duty for defence of academic freedom and the freedom of scientific knowledge and democratic thought." (G-MU-DG-20/3)

A WELL-KNOWN FASCIST APPOINTED AS A UNIVERSITY RECTOR

ANKARA (ITA) - The Nationalist Front Government recently appointed Prof. Hasan Tan, known as a fascist-minded person, Rector of the Middle East Technical University (ODTÜ) in Ankara, after his predecessor, Prof. Ilgaz Alyanak was forced to resign.

ODTÜ, was one of the few universities in Turkey where education could be continued peacefully until Prof. Alyanak left office. Since then occasional boycotts and actions were launched protesting the new Rector and the Government. The students claim that Tan may clamp down on academic and political freedoms at the school. Besides, the four deputy rectors, Prof. Mustafa Doruk, Prof. Durhanettin Özurcan, Prof. Erol Tümer and Prof. Vulug Tekinkuran resigned by saying they cannot work harmoniously with the new rector. Thereupon the ODTÜ was closed down by the Rector. (G-DN-DG-17/3)

LAWYERS BOYCOTTED TRIALS IN PROTEST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE

ANKARA (ITA) - Lawyers in many courts of Turkey boycotted trials on March 4, 1977, in protest of the government's failure to execute the high courts decisions. The decision was reached by the Union of Bar Associations. Defense attorneys in almost all provinces of Turkey complied with the decision.

Various rulings of high courts pertaining to the Council of Ministers were not implemented by the government for political considerations, the lawyers contended. Istanbul Bar Chairman Attorney Orhan Apaydin said in favor of the boycott "the failure to implement decisions of high courts may lead in the future to disregard of court of justice decisions. Therefore, our boycott defends the human rights and freedoms in the society. We protest the failure of the executive branch in implementing court decisions." (C-DG-7/3)

LOCKHEED COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMY CHIEF

ANKARA (ITA) - Chairman of the Parliamentary Investigation Commission probing the Lockheed bribe affair, Yilmaz Alparslan said the Government, the Chief of General Staff and the military prosecutor's office investigating the Lockheed Case are impeding the studies of the Commission therefore violating the Turkish Constitution.

Alparslan said Chief of General Staff General Semih Sancar was putting up hurdles before the Commission, Defense Minister Ferit Melen and Premier Süleyman Demirel wished to "cool off the affair".

"We asked General Sancar for the files prepared by the military prosecutor and he refused stating that he has no authority to pass orders to the independently working military judicature. Yet, in a previous letter to us, he had mentioned orders being given to the prosecutor to launch investigations of those seen guilty in the purchase of F-104-S aircraft," Alparslan said.

Alparslan claimed also the military prosecutor committed fault by not properly investigating those responsible for overlooking aircraft sales offers by other firms, with more favorable terms than Lockheed. (DN-DG-14/3)

FOREIGN TRADE DEFICIT OF TURKEY WIDENED

ANKARA (ITA) - Turkey's foreign trade deficit widened to 358 million dollars in January from 123 million dollars a year ago, according to temporary trade figures released by the State Statistics Institute.

Exports totaled 180 million dollars FOB, down by 13,8 per cent from a year ago. Imports were listed as 538 million dollars CIF, up by 13,7 per cent from December and by 26,5 per cent from a year ago.

Turkey's total foreign trade deficit in 1976 was 3,17 billion dollars.

On the other hand, the Turkish Government devalued the Turkish Lira against the Dollar by 6 per cent. The parity was changed from 16,50 LT per dollar to 17,50 LT per dollar. The lira lost in value against other foreign currencies as well.

This is the fourth time since last March that Turkey has made currency readjustments, bringing the dollar up to present level from 15,50 LT a year ago. (C-DN-DG-18/3)

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