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FOREWORD

The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP) was held on February 24-25-26, 1979 in Istanbul with the participation of 134 delegates from 36 provinces and 233 districts of the country.

The first day of the congress was attended also by 5 thousand guests and listeners. The congress received hundreds of greetings messages from numerous organizations and personalities in Turkey as well as abroad. The evening of the first day was devoted to the traditional Party Rally in which many celebrated artists of Turkey took part.

The 3-day congress discussed and unanimously approved the Report of the Central Executive Committee and also adopted the 14 point Resolutions.

The supreme organ of the party expressed also its appreciation of the "Plan for the Democratization in Turkey, 1978-82" prepared by the Research Department of the party. This voluminous plan pro-

poses the measures to create economic and social basis of the democratization of political life in the present period.

The Congress elected a 21-member Central Executive Committee and at the first plenum of the latter, Behice Boran was re-elected party president and Nihat Sargin secretary general.

The Workers' Party of Turkey was originally founded in 1961 by workers leaders and, despite the existence of anti-democratic laws of repression, made the people of Turkey acquainted with the scientific socialist outlook. Having carried class consciousness to industrial and agricultural workers, the Workers' Party of Turkey gained in 1965 elections 15 seats in a 450-member parliament and raised the voice of working class movement in this platform as well.

In 1971, following the military coup d'état, the Workers' Party of Turkey was closed down and its leaders, including president Behice Boran, were condemned to 15-year prison terms each.

After having been released along with other political prisoners, upon the proclamation of an amnesty, Boran and her comrades refounded on 1st May 1975 the Workers' Party of Turkey.

The Workers' Party of Turkey has carried on a resolute struggle against imperialism and the menace of fascism. Tens of its militants and sympathizers have been assassinated by the paramilitary commandos of the neo-fascist organizations.

The first party congress was held in 1977. The second was held in such a period which witnesses the escalation of the menace of fascism and the failure of the center-left government's policies. The Resolutions point out the urgent tasks of this crucial period.

THE WORKERS' PARTY OF TURKEY, METICULOUSLY OBSERVING THE PRINCIPLES OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, IS ON DUTY UNDER ANY AND ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

1. The Workers' Party of Turkey, the scientific socialist party of the working class of Turkey:
 - With its programme based on the concrete analysis of the concrete conditions in Turkey; with its statute specific to the working class parties; with its strategy and tactics; with its tried cadres and successful past, is the organization of historically lengthy political struggle of our working class under present conditions, and, is the directing force of this struggle.
 - Deriving its strength from historical continuity and scientific socialism, is fully re-

solved to carry on dauntlessly and in an organized form under any and all circumstances, the struggle waged by our working class and its allies against imperialism, fascism and capitalism for independence, democracy and socialism.

2. The Workers' Party of Turkey, conscious of its historical responsibility to our working class and the international working class movement;
 - Considers proletarian internationalism the fundamental condition of the development and strengthening of the working class movement at both national and international levels;
 - Realizes that an indispensable condition of making true and substantial contributions to internationalism is to strengthen the scientific socialist movement of the working class of our country, to lead the working class and its allies to political power and to accomplish the socialist revolution;
 - Starting from the principle that the working class movement is international in its essence and that there can be no irreconcilable conflict between the national and international requisites of this movement, believes in the necessity of evaluating all national policies, and of politically educating and training the working masses within an internationalist framework;
 - Endorses the view that proletarian internationalism requires from the working class parties of all capitalist and socialist countries, loyalty to and unity around the prin-

ciples of the theory of scientific socialism as well as solidarity and unity of action in their common fight against capitalism in the imperialist stage;

- Considering the determining role of the world socialist system in the development and successes of the world revolutionary process, stresses that one of the primary tasks of all working class parties is to defend and consolidate the positions and the achievements of socialism;
 - Affirms that proletarian internationalism necessitates, at the same time, solidarity with the peoples of the world fighting against imperialism, for national liberation and freedom.
3. The Workers' Party of Turkey is conscious of the vital importance of vigilance in all matters relating to maoism which under the present conditions functions as an accomplice of fascist plottings and whose counter-revolutionary nature has been exposed not only in Turkey but all over the world, as well as relating to individual terrorism, ultra-left agitations, right-opportunism, to all sorts of deviations from scientific socialism, all forms of anti-communism and anti-sovietism, from the most refined to the most vulgar ones, in short, all attempts of the bourgeoisie to corrupt the working class movement and is determined to carry on a resolute ideological and political struggle against them all.
 4. The Workers' Party of Turkey, declaring the further development of the political democrat-

ization process as the immediate task, and constantly opposing racist and chauvinistic nationalism, repression, and mass murders;

- Believes that the question of political democratization has more urgency for the eastern and southeastern provinces of Turkey where oppression and political restrictions are heavier, inequality based on ethnic discrimination is daily furthered, and provocations have recently been intensified;
- Rejects the view that this region is a colony of Turkey and asserts that its specific problems and contradictions shall ultimately be solved together with the problems and contradictions of Turkey as a whole, under socialism, with the assumption of political power by the working class;
- Taking in view the countrywide coalescence of ruling classes irrespective of regional and ethnic differences, emphasizes the primary importance of defending and consolidating the organizational and fighting unity of the working masses, and accentuates that views and actions which ignore this unity cannot but result in more repression and terror for the working people, in creating pretexts for the implementation of fascist measures, in straying towards adventurism, and in playing into hands of imperialism;
- While fighting against those views and movements which, whatever their subjective motivations, create a conducive medium for the realization of the imperialist and bourgeois interests and plans, reaffirms its belief that union and unity shall be achieved not on the basis of force and coercion but voluntarily on the basis of equality, freedom and fraternity.

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FORCE CANNOT BE DEFEATED**

5. The Workers' Party of Turkey, the political organization of the working class which is the leading force of the struggle against imperialism and fascism;
 - Establishes that progressive movements in countries under the yoke of imperialism have recently gained momentum and scored many successes thereby inflicting severe damage to the global and regional interests of imperialism; that Turkey's importance from imperialism's point of view has increased as a result of the collapse of the reactionary Shah regime in Iran; that the re-opening of the US bases in Turkey which threaten world peace; and, demands and claims for their enlargement and the establishment of new bases constitute

a concrete indication of Turkey's increased importance; and draws attention to the enhanced priority to be accorded to the development and strengthening of the struggle for national independence and peace.

- Holds that the fascist threat and the speeding up of the fascist escalation on the one hand, are caused by the difficulty the monopoly, big capital and large landowners experience in maintaining the system of exploitation even under limited democracy and, on the other hand, are the results and a part of imperialism's plans and provocations; and that due attention must be paid to this fact if the anti-fascist struggle is to be successful.
- Re-emphasizes that the conciliatory and defeatist policy of the Republican People's Party vis-a-vis the big bourgeoisie and imperialism has become an important factor facilitating fascist escalation and the implementation of imperialist plans and provocations.

6. The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey,

- Affirms the relevance and increased importance of principles and tasks formulated in the Party Programme, Resolutions of the First Congress and in other Party documents and validated by experience, as the basic guidelines determining the fundamentals of the struggle against imperialism and fascism.
- Holds that the present fascist escalation and the menace of fascism can only be prevented by a class and mass struggle led by the working class, organizing and uniting all progressive, democratic and patriotic forces,

strengthening their resistance and enhancing their influence in all areas of social life;

- Stresses that the struggle for national independence and democracy can achieve permanent results only by attacking the economic sources of antidemocratic practices and movements by restricting and eventually eliminating the economic and political hegemony of the collaborationist big monopoly capital and big landowners.

7. The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey;

- Declares that the policy of the Republican People's Party facilitates the fascist escalation and clears the ground for the implementation of imperialist plots and provocations, creating serious obstacles in the path leading to national independence and democracy.
- Calls on the Republican People's Party to abandon its policy of compromises with imperialism and big bourgeoisie, and to act instead in compliance with its pre-election promises, in defence of the interests and demands of working masses that have voted for the RPP, and to join in the struggle based on the united and organized power of the masses; and calls attention to the vital importance of this issue for the RPP.

8. The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey;

- Demands the immediate withdrawal of the new antidemocratic bills, now before the Parliament, designed to restrict further the use of

democratic rights and freedoms and the right of organization of the working class and masses; and the removal of all existing restrictions on these rights and freedoms.

- Demands the termination of martial law which limits democratic rights and freedoms and a thorough investigation and elimination of the initiators of the fascist terror.

9. The Workers' Party of Turkey expresses its determination to continue fighting actively against the leadership of some trade unions, professional and democratic mass organizations and against all deviationist trends which,

- Manipulate and burden these organizations with tasks befitting a political party thereby preventing them from performing their own specific functions;
- Act with narrow group interests creating spheres of influence detrimental to the unity of these organizations that may eventually lead to scission and liquidation;
- Favour class collaboration trying to reconcile the economic struggle of the working class of Turkey with the interests of the bourgeoisie;
- Under the guise of subscribing to different political and ideological views, lead the progressive trade union movement away from the principles of class and mass trade unionism, and, possessing essentially an anarcho-syndicalist propensity, results in the subordination of the trade union movement to some sections of the bourgeoisie.

III. ONWARD TO A STRONGER PARTY ORGANIZATION, MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION, AND THE CONQUEST OF NEW POSITIONS IN THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM!

10. The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey charges all Party organs, cadres and members with the task of developing rapidly the class and mass struggle waged under the leadership of the working class against imperialism and fascism, and of intensifying all work done under Resolution II to elevate to new heights the united movement of all progressive, democratic, and patriotic forces.

11. The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey, drawing attention once again to the importance of continuously enlarging the Party organization on the basis of scientific socialism and proletarian internationalism;

- Considers raising the quality of party organization, the continuous development of work teams as basic organizational units, the execution of all party tasks within the frame of work teams, the lifting up of the ideological level of cadres and teams and of their fighting capacity, as the basic and permanent objects of all organizational activities of the Party, being fully conscious that in working class parties qualitative weight is of primary importance.
- Taking into account, at the same time, the fact that qualitative superiority cannot be a decisive factor without a certain quantitative basis, considers the expansion of the Party organization into all provinces, into all places of residence and work, and the acceleration of the membership drive as the immediate and permanent task of Party work; instructs all local organs and especially work teams to devote more effort to the attainment of this end.

12.The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey, the driving force of the scientific socialist movement of our country,

- Declares that the acceleration of the growth of the Party organization on the basis of scientific socialism and proletarian internationalism is, at the same time, a prerequisite of increasing the decisive importance of the Party within the broad spectrum of left, and charges all Party organs with the task of carrying on a determined, meticulous and conscious work to rally, consolidate, and strengthen the political movement of our working class rooted deeply in the past.

13.The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey, which carries the honour and responsibility of being the scientific socialist party of our working class,

- Stresses once again the vital importance of preserving the ideological purity and consistency of the Party movement, of keeping in force and continuously developing the organization and unity of the Party.
- Considers resolute struggle against any attempt to infiltrate the Party and to lead it astray from its basis of scientific socialism and proletarian internationalism; against attacks on democratic centralism; and against factionalism a condition of the defense of the supreme interests of our working class and socialism; endorses and pays tribute to the determined struggle successfully carried on by the Central Executive Committee and all Party organs against the anti-communist, anti-soviet faction germinating within the Party organization.

14.The Workers' Party of Turkey, conscious of the special importance of the development and reinforcement of mass democratic movements in the struggle against fascism and imperialism as well as in the struggle for socialism,

- Calls attention to the importance of the leading role of Party organs and members in developing the democratic movement of poor peasantry, the natural ally of the working class, exploited by big capital and especially by large landowners; of other labouring peasants indirectly exploited in capitalist

market relations and who are under the economic pressure of big capital; in increasing the influence of poor and middle peasantry in cooperatives and in organizing the unorganized sections of the peasantry.

- Granting the fact that a state of confusion and disorder still prevails among the youth which potentially an important force in the struggle for independence, democracy and socialism, nevertheless acknowledges that significant organizational steps have been taken under the leadership of Party members towards the elimination of the said disarray and calls on all Party organs and members to promote further these efforts and to extend the organized movement to large masses of youth.
- Emphasizes the necessity of raising higher the rate of increase of women among Party members and, reminding that this is also a principal prerequisite of the efficacy of the democratic, progressive woman's movement, calls on all organizational units to speed up their efforts to this end.

The Second Congress of the Workers' Party of Turkey summons up all Party organs, work teams, members and candidate members who are the determined militants of the struggle for socialism:

FORWARD FOR THE STRONGER PARTY, FOR MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION,

FORWARD TO CONQUER NEW POSITIONS IN THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM.