

U.S. Request To Close Airspace Refused

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[Excerpts] Ankara, (HURRIYET)—The Reagan administration is insisting that Turkey close its airspace to Libyan and Iranian aircraft which carry chemical arms and acoustic mines. It has been determined that Secretary of State George Shultz conveyed this request to Foreign Minister Halefoglu during their private meeting last week. Halefoglu did not agree to the U.S. request.

According to the reports that reached Ankara from New York, Halefoglu and Shultz discussed the matter after the delegations they headed met in New York. Shultz requested a private meeting with Halefoglu. The two men met for 5 minutes after their delegations left the room. They agreed that their private talks would not be disclosed. In fact, the two sides told the press later that the question of mines was not discussed. The Halefoglu-Shultz meeting was not mentioned.

However, the request that reached Ankara said Shultz discussed the question of mines during his private talks with Halefoglu. Shultz argued that Iran was supplying chemical arms to Libya in return for acoustic mines and the aircraft which carried the arms used Turkey's airspace. He requested the closure of Turkey's airspace to such flights as a measure to halt the "exchange of mines and chemical arms" between Libya and Iran. Libya uses the chemical arms it acquires from Iran against Chad.

Halefoglu reportedly did not agree to the U.S. request. He explained that due to international aviation regulations, obstructing flights in Turkey's airspace is impossible. [passage omitted]

In their unofficial disclosures to the press, Foreign Ministry officials have drawn attention to the possibility that the United States may have used Turkey's airspace to realize its arms shipments to Iran in the past. They said the U.S. request for the closure of Turkey's airspace created a "conflicting" situation. [passage omitted]

Hanoglu, Iranian Governor Discuss Border Trade

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[Text] It has been announced that 2 billion Turkish lira worth of products are expected to be exported from Van to Reza'iyeh in Iran via the border trade. A 110-km highway of which 30 km are in Turkish territory has been inaugurated. Van Governor Ozdemir Hanoglu and Iran's West Azerbaijan Governor (Zeynel Abidin Etayi) met at Iran's Reza'iyeh station and discussed border trade. The Iranian governor said the new highway will contribute to that trade's development. Hanoglu noted that work is under way to ensure the uninterrupted implementation of the border trade agreement between the two countries covering a 6-month period this year.

PKK Plans Operations in Bingol Region

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[Arif Atas report: "PKK's New Target—Imams and Teachers"]

[Excerpts] Bingol, (TERCUMAN)—Within the framework of its "autumn plan," the PKK is reported to have sent a number of its militants into the Bingol region to carry out operations, particularly against imams and schoolteachers. Meanwhile, it has been determined that Aysel Curukkaya, who has come to be known as the "woman butcher," is taking part in planning these operations. [passage omitted]

The PKK, which has been concentrating its operations in the Hakkari-Siirt-Mardin triangle, has now included the Bingol region within the scope of its operations. The PKK militants are reported to have moved in groups into the Servi region in Bingol's Genc district after being pressed by the security forces in the three provinces. The officials estimate that around 100 PKK militants are now in the Servin region, which is suitable for hiding. [passage omitted]

Meanwhile, the teams affiliated with the Directorate of Police in Mardin have seized in a house in Silopi, 35 automatic Kalashnikov rifles, which were to be sold to the PKK militants. Seven people have been arrested in connection with the arms. Mardin Governor Alaattin Turhan has disclosed that the police acted on the basis of information given to them. He said the rifles were to be sold to the PKK militants and were secretly smuggled into Turkey from Syria. They were held in Nusaybin for some time before they were sent to Silopi. In addition to the arms, the police also seized 20 magazines and 66 rounds of ammunition.

Security Measures Strengthened Around Dams

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[Neset Kapakli and Atilla Korkmaz report: "Super Security for Gap"]

[Excerpts] Diyarbakir/Sanliurfa, (HURRIYET News Service-special)—The security measures implemented to counter a possible PKK attack on GAP [Southern Anatolia Project] have been strengthened. The dams, hydroelectric power plants, and irrigation canals are now being guarded by military units and special operations teams.

The new measures were taken after it was determined that the project is one of the PKK's major targets. Particular importance has been attached to the measures taken to safeguard the Ataturk and Karakaya Dams, which are the largest installations of GAP. [passage omitted]

Meanwhile, officials are continuing to investigate the explosion that occurred at the Karakaya Dam some time ago. In that explosion, an engineer was killed and a technician was wounded. Officials have ruled out the possibility of sabotage, and suspect a technical fault caused the explosion.

Inonu Discloses SDPP Election Platform
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[Excerpt] SDPP leader Erdal Inonu said his party wants to be elected so it can insure full independence, a modern social democracy, a speedy economic development, a just distribution of income, peace and tranquillity and so it can fight against unemployment, unequal opportunity, oppression, and the high cost of living.

At a news conference in Ankara, Erdal Inonu disclosed his party's election platform. He said it was prepared as a summary of the decisions adopted by the party congress and it expresses the party's general approach to various issues. Inonu said that at these elections, the SDPP trusts the people not to vote for those who make the country dependent on the outside, for the enemies of secularism, or for those who want to establish an oligarchic government based on minority votes.

Inonu stressed that the SDPP considers it Turkey's business to ensure its own defense. We approach all the alliances and pacts from this angle, he said, adding: [Begin recording] Acting from that angle we will implement the following principles within the pact and in our NATO relations: Turkey will always defend peace; all the joint security systems in our country will always be under the sovereignty of the Turkish authorities; it will always be stressed that the NATO alliance cannot be binding on Turkey outside its geographical borders; the financial burden within the joint defense system must always be proportional to the countries' economic power; our relations with NATO will be conducted without forgetting that Turkey joined this alliance to further its own security, and the SDPP will always oppose any action or intention that weakens this principle—wherever it comes from; and the SDPP categorically opposes the solution of international problems through the use or threat of brute force or through faits accomplis. It will never allow actions or attitudes that violate the agreements to which Turkey is a party; in particular, it will categorically oppose any stand or action on the part of Greece against the Lausanne Treaty, which has vital importance for Turkey. [end recording]

Inonu said the SDPP is concerned about the regional wars and the regional countries' destructive activities against each other's national integrity and state philosophy. No concessions will be made to these activities, he stressed. The SDPP leader said: Turkey's

foreign policy will lead the efforts supporting the establishment of a world free of nuclear arms and supporting the developing countries, as well as the efforts being made to create a brand new world where the arms race has ended.

Inonu said the SDPP believes that the Turkish workers' right of free circulation within the EC is legally valid, and therefore, if elected, the SDPP will exert energetic and productive efforts to ensure the de facto exercise of this right, even before Turkey's membership in the EC is finalized.

Inonu said the SDPP will make no concessions of Turkey's rights in the Aegean, and that the rights of the Turks in Western Thrace and Bulgaria will be sought with determination. In Cyprus, he said, the SDPP defends the establishment of a bicomunal, independent, nonaligned, and federal state, and there can be no question of renouncing Turkey's guarantor rights as granted to it by international agreements.

Inonu said the number of personnel in the Turkish Armed Forces will be reduced, but their firepower and mobility will be increased through modernization. The duration of military service will be reduced, he said, and the practice of payment instead of serving in the Army will be canceled. (passage omitted)

Editorial on Internal Party Disputes
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[Hasan Cemal editorial: "The Aftermath of the War Over Party Lists"]

[Text] The internal war in the political parties over the designation of candidate deputies has ended. However, the repercussions of the shock that was created are still continuing. Generally speaking, the present situation is not surprising. Agitation is normal in every preelection period during the process of designating candidates because nothing can be done to circumvent numerical limitations while drawing up the final lists, the parties are unable to satisfy all applicants. Consequently, storms rage through the parties' back rooms after the final lists are disclosed. This is the unchanging state of affairs in every preelection era, and the present situation is not different.

The disclosure of the lists has created an uproar and confusion in the political parties. Compared with the situation in ANAP, the storm has been stronger in the SDPP and CWP. Consequently, the damage that will be caused to the latter two parties will be more serious.

The present state of affairs was predicted earlier. The Ozal government's decision to avoid the local elections and have the candidate deputies designated by